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John Prescott "is an ancient Planter & hath bin a Vsefull helpfull & publique spirited man doinge many good offices ffor the Country Relatinge to the Road to Conecticott, marking trees, directinge of Passengers &c . . ." Records of the General Court of Massachusetts, 29 May 1672.

"Prescott is the most distinguished name in the annals of Groton, and the families bearing it have been numerous." Hon. S. A. Green, Groton Epitaphs, 1878, page 249.

John Prescott, pioneer, blacksmith, soldier, millwright, miller, selectman, farmer, trader, hunter, surveyor, builder of roads and bridges, the foremost citizen and Founder of Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1645, was born in 1604 in Lancashire, England.

His bold signature heads the list of fifty-five signers of the Town and Church Covenant which brought about the organization of the town and the establishment of the First Church of Christ in Lancaster, now in its 306th year.

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PREFACE

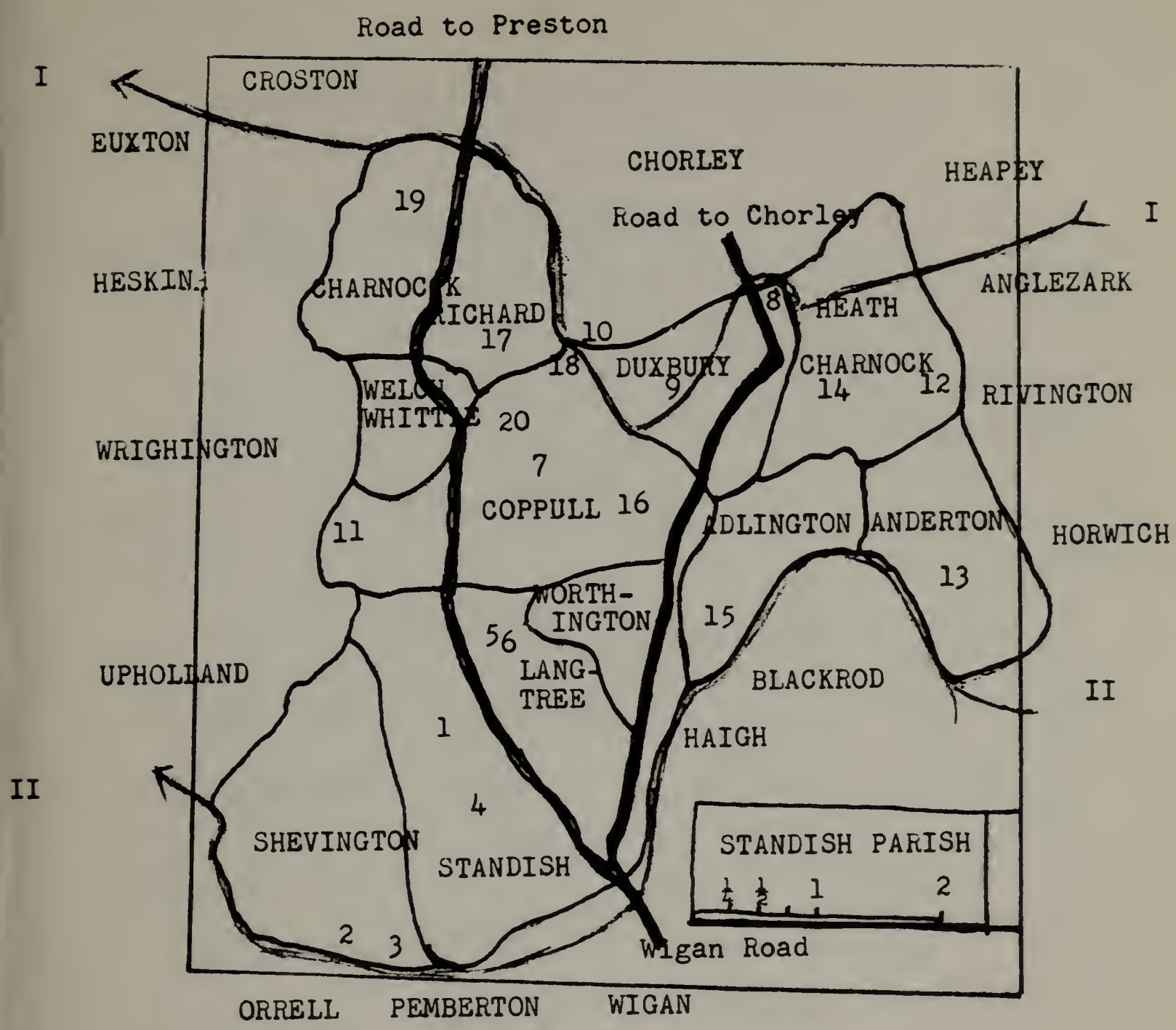
In his booklet: Eight Lines of Descent of John Prescott, etc., it was not the intention of the present writer to infer that the distinguished authors of former times, - Dr. William Prescott, the Honorable Henry Stedman Nourse, Mr. Andrew E. Ford, the Reverend John Holding, Mrs. Almira Larkin White, John Barber White, and many others, including the present author, had proven conclusively that the John Prescott of Shevington, Lancashire, was the John Prescott of Lancaster, Massachusetts, though each one of them believed firmly that he was. And I may add that I have never seen any sound evidence against it. The same is true in regard to the ancestry of James Prescott of Hampton, New Hampshire.

Nor was it his intention to give an account of John Prescott's life as the Founder and First Citizen of Lancaster. This is best found in Captain Henry S. Nourse's, Military Annals of Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1889: Appendix, pages 339 to 366, which is still the best account in print of the life of John Prescott, to which the writer directs the reader's attention. A second excellent account of Prescott's life is to be found in Mr. Andrew E. Ford's, History of the Origin of Clinton, Massachusetts, 1653-1865, 696 pages, in which he has dealt with this subject on pages 33 to 72. Messrs. Nourse and Ford have made a few small but important mistakes which are corrected on the last page of the present work.

The writer and his wife are descended from more than twenty-four of the founders of Lancaster, of which four lines are from John Prescott himself. The writer was for nearly a quarter century the minister of the First Church of Christ in Lancaster, of which Prescott was a founder and enthusiastic supporter.

Frederick Lewis Weis.

THE PARISH OF STANDISH, LEYLAND HUNDRED, LANCASHIRE



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JOHN PRESCOTT, PIONEER

It is the firm belief of the present writer that John Prescott, blacksmith, foremost citizen and Founder of Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1645, was born about 1604 in Lancashire, England, and he hopes to show good cause that this is so. Our pioneer was a member of the ancient family of Prescott of Coppull in Standish Parish, whose pedigree begins with Sir Richard de Prestecote (living 1192, died about 1230) The family arms are: Sable, a chevron between three owls, argent. And this is all true whichever John Prescott he may be, and the chances are two to one that he is a member of the family of Prescott and also of Standish of Standish. (See my list of 50 John Prescotts below). While very ancient, it is probable that the Prescott arms were granted to Robert de Prestecote, Member of Parliament for Lancashire in 1347, and Knight of the Shire of Lancaster, mentioned above.

Dr. Kuerden, in his Itinerary of Lancashire, about 1695, describes the road from Wigan to Preston as follows: "Having passed Standish you come to the Quaker's . . . then crossing a little arched bridge of stone you pass over Coppul More, and on the right-hand leave Blainsco Hall belonging to the ancient family of Worthingtons; a little above which stands Coppul chapel, and near to it the ancient seat of the Prescotts, now the estate and residence of Captain Ward." (Local Gleanings, No. 378, page 211).

The distance from Wigan to Coppull is less than five miles, and an area of five square miles takes in Standish Parish and all its villages: Coppull, Shevington, Duxbury, etc., and with Wigan on the south, there were, about the year 1600, more Prescotts in this small area by far than in all the rest of England put together. Added to these should be the visitation families of Prescott:- those of Driby, Sutterby, Saltfleetby, Hannah-cum-Hagnaby, and those of Essex and London, - for they were all derived from the family

originally settled in Coppull, Shevington, Standish and Wigan. All of these Prescotts were descended from the patriarch, William Prescott, of Coppull, and most all of them were descended from James and Alice (Standish) Prescott. To this James, the following applies: "The Muster of soldiers in the County of Lancaster in 1574": "James Prescott" to furnish "long bowe, 1 sheffe Arrowes, Bill, Scull."

The geographical picture may be clarified if we list the hamlets of Standish Parish. Standish and Shevington abut Wigan. North of Standish are Worthington and Coppull. To the north of Cuppull lie Charnock Richard, Welch Whittle, and to the west Chisnall. To the east of Coppull lie Burgh, Arley, Duxbury, Heath Charnock, Adlington and Anderton. The principal halls or mansions in Standish Parish are Standish Hall, Gathurst, Crooke, Standish Wood, Langtree, Blainsco, The Peel, and Duxbury Hall. The surrounding towns which are pertinent are: Chorley, Eccleston and Heskin on the north; and on the south: Upholland, Orrell, Pemberton, Wigan, Haigh and Blackrod, while Burscough and Newburgh abut Standish Parish on the west. The parishes of Croston to the north and Leigh to the south should also be named here.

Now if one desires to know where the Prescotts of Lancashire were to be found in the decades between 1590 and 1630, he has only to consult the Prescott wills at Chester. On examination five would be found in Wigan and seven in Standish Parish, and with one exception the other five would be found in contiguous places. Hence, for Standish Parish: 7 (Shevington, 2; Standish, 2; Coppull, 3), for Wigan Parish: 5 (Orrell, 2 Dalton, 3), Heskin 1; Eccleston, 2; Burscough, 1; Newburgh, 1; and the only one not contiguous was Walton.

The families of Prescott and Standish arose about the same time, 1188 to 1192. But the Standishes were more land conscious, and

land was the only tangible wealth in those days. For six hundred years the Standishes cleared, bought, improved, exchanged lands, and consistently doubled by fortunate marriages, the lands of their ancestors, whereas the Prescotts and the other families of the neighboring gentry fell behind as the Standishes forged ahead. About the year 1600, coal and ore were first worked successfully in considerable quantities especially in this section of the county, and industrial activity had its beginnings. However their buried wealth of coal and ore did not interest much the Standish family, and these particular possessions did not change their way of life. Trade seemed beneath their dignity. On the other hand, the Athertons of Wigan Parish in Lancashire (cousins of Major-General and James Atherton of Dorchester and Lancaster, Massachusetts), actively worked their mines and became in their time the wealthiest family in all England, and, as a result, were soon raised to the peerage.

In the meantime, for several generations, the Prescotts had begun to feel a loss of influence, capital and lands, as the Standishes expanded their domains. The elder and more resourceful of the Prescotts moved away (probably after having sold their dwindling lands to the Standish family). Thereafter, wherever they went, these Prescotts prospered mightily: James of Driby and the Sutterby, Saltfleetby and Hannah-cum-Hagnaby Prescotts of Lincolnshire, as well as the Alexanders and Geoffreys who became grocers, silversmiths, goldsmiths, and citizens of London. Alexander was also alderman and sheriff of London. Other kinsmen settled in Essex, among whom Sir John Prescott of Radwinton may be mentioned. Even the less prosperous Prescotts of Shevington and Coppull realized that in time all of their lands would belong to the Standishes. John Prescott, later to found Lancaster,

Massachusetts, a younger son of a younger son of a younger son, understood this, and knew that he must strike out for himself or be subservient to his Standish kinsmen as long as he lived - if he wished to survive. Thus he chose Halifax, and later New England.

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WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT JOHN PRESCOTT OF LANCASTER?

I

We know that John Prescott of Lancaster, Massachusetts, was born in Lancashire, England. (N.E.H.G.Register, VI (1852), page 274.) This authority is not to be lightly dismissed by any honest and intelligent person. The article, one of the "Memoirs of Prince's Subscribers", refers to the Honorable Benjamin Prescott of Groton, Massachusetts, who was a son of Captain Jonas Prescott, Indian fighter, Town Clerk and Deputy to the General Court of Massachusetts (Society of Colonial Wars, Index of Ancestors, 1922, page 384), and grandson of John Prescott of Lancaster, Massachusetts. We quote the article below:

"PRESCOTT, Hon. Benjamin, born in Groton, 4 Jan. 1695/6, mar. 11 June 1718, Abigail, dau. of Hon. Thomas Oliver of Cambridge, and died 3 Aug. 1738, aged 43 years. He was the third son (twelfth child) of Jonas Prescott of Groton, who, born in Lancaster, Mass. June, 1648 - was the third son (seventh child) of John Prescott of Lancashire, England, who married in England, Mary Platts of Yorkshire, and in England several of their children were born. John Prescott went first to Barbadoes, (it is said)* and owned lands there in 1638. About 1640 he came to New England, and after remaining some time in Charlestown and Watertown, settled in Lancaster, where he had a good estate.** He was one of the first settlers of Lancaster, which is said to have been so

*See Register, 39 (1885), page 138). **1,200 acres of land.

named in compliment to him.*

"Benjamin Prescott, the subject of this sketch was in 1717 appointed a lieutenant of the first company of foot; in 1723, being then 27 years of age, he first represented the town of Groton in the General Court, where he remained eight years. In 1724, he was commissioned a Justice of the Peace, and afterwards Quorumunus; in 1732 a Lieutenant Colonel in a Middlesex and Worcester regiment; in 1735 a Justice of the Superior Court, and in 1738, the year of his death, he was chosen to represent the Province at the Court of Great Britain, which office he declined . . . .

"Hon. Benjamin P. was father of the Hon. James, Col. William, and the Hon. Oliver Prescott, M.D. He was grandfather of the late Judge William Prescott of Boston, and great-grandfather of W. H. P., the Historian." F. W. P.

"Another notice of Benjamin Prescott, Esq., has been received, and though a very good one, this is considered preferable, the principal early fact being from original MSS. preserved in that branch of the family by the above subscriber."

*Nourse, Early Records of Lancaster, 1884, page 22: May 1652, "at the request of the inhabitants, (the General Court) doe order it to be called PRESCOTT." Later this was disallowed because at that time no town in the Colony had been named for a person. Therefore, on 18 May 1653, also at the request of the inhabitants, the General Court ordered that the name of the town "be henceforth called LANCASTER." (ibid., p. 23). See also S. A. Green, Groton Epitaphs, 1878, pp. 249-251. In the Register article (38:138), "Early Inhabitants of Barbadoes", John Prescott is recorded as being a resident in Barbadoes in 1638, and as owing 10 acres or more of land there at that time.

It is very important to note the words above: ". . . the principal early fact being from original MSS. preserved in that branch of the family represented by the Hon. Benjamin Prescott."

The author of the above notice was Frederick William Prescott, a member of the New England Historical & Genealogical Society, 7 November 1850-23 February 1870. It may also be of interest to note that Frederick William Prescott donated books and papers to the Society in 1853 (cf. vol. 7, page 104). Thus as late as July 1852, certain ancient documents and MSS. were still in existence in the possession of this particular branch of the family of John Prescott of Lancaster, Massachusetts. Moreover, The Massachusetts Historical Society (founded in 1791), has among its MMS. collections those of William Hickling Prescott, the historian and author, 1796-1859 (19 folio boxes). See M.H.S. Miscellany, 1958, page 9.

Proof of John Prescott's residence in Watertown is to be found in Watertown Records (N.E.H.G.Register, vol. 7, page 281), as follows: "Lidia the daught^r of John and Mary Prescott, borne 15 (6) 1641", that is 15 August 1641; also, Bond, History of Watertown, q.v. for Prescott, where he is found to possess 126 acres of land.

The above should convince any reasonable person that John Prescott was a native of Lancashire, England, but we cannot claim at this stage that we have absolute proof of the fact. More evidence will be given later.

II.

The Marriage of John Prescott of Lancaster, Massachusetts.

John Prescott married at Sowerby, Halifax Parish, Yorkshire, England, 11 April 1629, MARY GAWKROGER (alias Platts), baptized at Sowerby, 15 March 1606/7, the daughter of James and

Martha (Ainsworth) Gawkroger. (Proof: Halifax Parish Register).

III.

The Children of John and Mary (Gawkroger) Prescott:

1. Mary Prescott, bapt. Halifax Parish, Yorkshire, 25 February 1629/30; survived her husband, dying after 1706; married at Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1648, Thomas Sawyer (born, we are told, in Lincolnshire, England, about 1616) died at Lancaster, Massachusetts, 12 September 1706, about the 90th year of his age (Gravestone in Lancaster, Massachusetts, in the Old Settler's Burial Field, in excellent condition). His father is called John Sawyer. 11 ch.

An infant, buried in Halifax Parish, 24 May 1631.

2. Martha Prescott, bapt. Halifax Parish, 11 March 1631/2; married at Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1655, John Rugg, bapt. at Halifax Parish, 11 March 1631/2; he died at Lancaster, in January 1697; she with her twin children died in January 1656. He married, second, Hannah, maiden name unknown, who was slain by the Indians, 11 September 1697.

An infant, buried in Halifax Parish, 8 July 1634.

3. John Prescott (later Captain), bapt. Halifax Parish, 20 March 1635; he was living at Lancaster, Massachusetts, 25 January 1723/4; married (1) at Lancaster, 11 November 1668, Sarah Hayward; they had seven children; married, second, Mary (Haynes) Howe; farmer; blacksmith; successor to his father's mills.

4. Sarah Prescott, born 1637, place of birth unknown, married (1) Lancaster, 2 August 1658, Richard Wheeler, born in England, 1611, killed by the Indians at Lancaster, 10 February 1675/6; seven children; married (2) at Dedham, 22 February 1677/8, Joseph Rice, of Marlborough; three children by the second marriage.

5. Lydia Prescott, born at Watertown, Massachusetts, 15 August 1641; married (1) at Lancaster, 28 May 1658, Jonas Fairbanks, born at Sowerby, Halifax Parish, Yorkshire, England, 8 March 1624/5; killed by the Indians at Lancaster, 10 February 1675/6, at the massacre, with his son Joshua; seven children born at Lancaster; she married (2) about 1713, Ellis Barron, son of Ellis Barron of Watertown (an Ellis Barron was living at Bury Parish, Lancashire, 1592; Barrons are also found in Standish and Wigan parishes) (Bury is 14 miles from Coppull and 16 miles from Shevington). John and Mary (Gawkroger) Prescott and their children then living settled at Watertown, about 1640, where he owned 126 acres of land.

6. Jonathan Prescott (later Captain), was born at Lancaster, about 1646, where he was a blacksmith, captain and physician; married (1) Lancaster, 3 August 1670, Dorothy, who had one son, Samuel; she died in 1674, and he married (2) Elizabeth Hoar of Concord, who died in 1687; he married (3) Rebecca Bulkeley, and (4) Ruth, widow of Thomas Brown; by his second wife he had six children; after the massacre at Lancaster, 10 February 1675/6, he removed to Concord, where he was Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts for nine years, and where he died 6 December 1721.

7. Jonas Prescott (youngest son)(later Captain), was born at Lancaster, June 1648; captain, blacksmith, gentleman, Justice-of the Peace, town clerk, Esquire; married at Lancaster, 14 December 1672, Mary Loker of Sudbury; twelve children; he died at Groton, 31 December 1723.

IV

THE BIRTH AND DEATH DATES OF JOHN PRESCOTT OF LANCASTER

1604-1681

"John Prescott, founder of Lancaster, aged about seventy-seven years; nuncupative will proved December 20, 1681." (H. S. Nourse, The Birth, Marriage and Death Register . . . of Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1643-1850, Lancaster, 1890, 508 pages, page 20).

JOHN PRESCOTT

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(Broken foot-stone in the Old Burial Field)

His long will was dated 8 April 1673 and proved 4 April 1682. The text of the will is given in full in Nourse, Military Annals of Lancaster, 1889, pages 362 to 364. The testator named as overseers: The Reverend Joseph Rowlandson, Deacon Roger Sumner and Ralph Houghton. Mr. Rowlandson having died in the meantime, Deacon Sumner and Ralph Houghton proved the will. Prescott also made a nuncupative will in 1681, which was sworn to in Court on 20 December 1681. Hence John Prescott died shortly before this last will was sworn to, so that the date of his death can be put quite exactly as the middle of December 1681.

Actually one may say that neither the date of birth of John nor the date of death of his wife Mary are known, the last certain date concerning Mary Prescott being the year 1678, when she deposed in Court about matters appertaining to the Farrer family of Halifax, Yorkshire, and Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Though three years short of fourscore at the time of his death, he was Lancaster's oldest inhabitant. His life long friends and neighbors, John and Ralph Houghton then became the veterans of the town.

There is a certain amount of corroborative evidence as to the date of birth of John Prescott. His age at marriage would have been 25 years; hers was 22 years. Her age at the birth of her first child was 23, and at the birth of her youngest child, 41. Her span of child bearing was from 1630 to 1648, a period of eighteen years, and with seven children at a two year interval plus a four year interval between Sarah and Lydia, the sum is eighteen years. John's age in Barbadoes was 34, and Mary's was 31. John's age at Watertown was 37, and Mary's was 34. It is a possibility, too, that Mary and her children did not go to Barbadoes, but came over to Watertown later, and this would account for the four year span. (John's mother lived in Shevington until her death in 1643, and Mary and her children might have remained with her until 1641. This I enclose in brackets because of course we have no knowledge of any such thing. But it may be a reasonable supposition). To get back to facts:

It is obvious that if Mary was born in 1607, one might expect her husband to have been born about 1604. It is moreover, a reasonable and normal expectation.

Now returning to the hive of the Lancashire Prescotts it will be seen from the 50 separately identified John Prescotts compiled by the present writer (not by the Rev. Mr. Holding as has mistakenly been affirmed - he made no such list), it will be seen that the <u>only possible John Prescott</u> in the list as given was John Prescott, born in Shevington, Lancashire, in 1604, the son of Ralph and Helen Prescott of that place. This is the only reasonable solution, granted all the facts now known, and it is the one which has been affirmed by every person known to the writer who has carefully studied both the New England records and the abundant English records in detail.

THE JOHN PRESCOTTS OF LANCASHIRE AND LINCOLNSHIRE, 1540-1640.

*1. 1546. John^3 Prescott of Sutterby, gent. (John^3, James^2, William^1) called "the elder"; m. Anne; he made his will 9 Dec. 1607, died 1608; will proved 6 Sept. 1608; no issue male.

2. 1561. John Prescott of Wigan mentioned.

*3. 1561. John^5 Prescott, gent., of Saltfleetby St. Peter, b. before 1561, d. Lincolnshire, 1617; will dated 11 Mar. 1616/7; proved 4 May 1617. (John^5, William^{4*}, John^3, James^2, William^1 note: the name of * is unknown; Maddison suggests it is William, and we accept his suggestion).

*4. 1562. John^4 Prescott (John^4, Robert^3, James^2, William^1), b. 1562, d. 1613, bur. St. Par., 31 Mar. 1613, son of Robert and Helen will made by Robert 10 Feb. 1595, appoints son and heir John and Robert's second wife Elizabeth, executors (Robert married for his 2nd wife, St. Par., 3 Feb. 1565, Elizabeth Nightingal John was husband of Katherine and Elizabeth; father of John Prescott who was bur. at Standish Parish, 31 Mar. 1613, and who m. at Wigan, 10 Feb. 1600/1, Jane Mather; the latter was bur. at Croston, 1642.

5. 1562. John^3 Prescott (John^3, Thurston^2, William^1) bapt. 1562; m. Ellen, who was bur. 7 Jan. 1599/1600.

6. 1564. Rev. John^2 Prescott (John^2, William^1), Curate of Halsall, 1558-1563; bur. St. Par., 8 Mar. 1563/4.

7. 1560. John^3 Prescott (John^3, Edward^2, William^1), b. ca. 1560, son of Edward who was bur. 4 Nov. 1579; John m. Johanna Clayton; they had 2 daus. but no son.

*8. 1566. John^5 Prescott, gent. (John^5, William^{4*}, James^3, James^2, William^1), bapt. 1566, of Hannah-cum-Hagnaby, co. Lincoln; had two sons: George and Edward; other children died young.

9. 1565. John Prescott, bur. St. Par., 30 Jan. 1564/5, age unknown.

10. 1570. John^{2} Prescott (John^{2}, William^{1}), son of William and Alice, bur. St. Par., 17 Feb. 1570/1.

*11. 1572. John^{4} Prescott (John^{4}, John^{3}, James^{2}, William^{1}), gent., bapt. Sutterby, co. Lincoln, 1572, son of John Prescott of the same, son of James and Alice (Standish) Prescott.

*12. 1576. John^{4} Prescott, Esquire (John^{4}, James^{3}, James^{2}, William^{1}), of Driby, co. Lincoln, b. 1576 (ae. 7 years in 1583); bur. at Driby, 18 Dec. 1607, son of James and Alice (Molyneux) Prescott, and husband of Elizabeth Manby. (See Inq. p. m.).

13. 1582. John Prescott, b. ca. 1582, son of Edward, b. 1562; had sons George and Edward.

14. 1585. John Prescott, d. St. Par., 1585, bur. 1585 (22 Nov. 1586?).

*15. 1587. John^{5} Prescott, gent. (John^{5}, Alexander^{4}, William^{3}, James^{2}, William^{1}), b. St. Par., 1587, son of Alexander Prescott of London; prob. did not live long.

*16. 1587. John^{5} Prescott (John^{5}, Thomas^{4}, William^{3}, James^{2}, William^{1}), bapt. St. Par., 24 Nov. 1587; d. St. Par., 6 Sept. 1615, son of Thomas and Alice Prescott.

*17. 1590. John^{4} Prescott, gent. (John^{4}, William^{3*}, James^{2}, William^{1}), of Saltfleetby St. Peter, co. Lincoln, b. ca. 1590, son of John Prescott of Sutterby and Anne.

18. 1591. John Prescott of Wigan, fl. 1591; was father of three daus.

19. 1595. John Prescott, bapt. St. Par., 10 Dec. 1595, son of John Prescott, son of Edward Prescott, b. 1562, and Jane Platte; perhaps bur. St. Par., 28 Oct. 1616; disappears about that time.

*20. 1604. JOHN^5 PRESCOTT (John^5, Ralph^4, Roger^3, James^2, William^1), was born at Shevington, Standish Parish, 1604; named in his father's will, 7 Dec. 1608; will pr. at Chester, 24 Jan. 1608/9; son of Ralph and Helen Prescott; married at Sowerby, Halifax Parish, Yorkshire, 11 April 1629, Mary Gawkroger; John Prescott and Thomas Rigbie sailed for Barbadoes, and were living there, each in possession of 10 acres or more of land, in 1638 (N.E.H.G.Register, vol. 39, pages 138, 139). John sett. in Watertown, Mass., 1641, where his dau. Lydia was born that year; Founder of Lancaster, Mass., 1645; died at Lancaster, middle of December 1681, aged 77 years (nuncupative will sworn to in Court, 20 December 1681; vital records of Lancaster: John Prescott, the Founder of Lancaster, died Dec. 1681, aged about 77 years; since John was married in 1629 and died in 1681, he was married 52 years; and since he was about 25 years of age at marriage (his wife was 22 years of age) 52 plus 25 makes 77 years, his age at death.

21. 1604. John Prescott, gentleman, of Sutterby; m. Agnes Say, gentlewoman, 10 June 1604.

22. 1604. John Prescott of Le Ome Ryding, said to have been bapt. 1604/5; d. 1658 (neither bapt. nor death in St. Par. records) (sometimes called John Prescott of Langryding).

23. 1606. John Prescott, bapt. 27 Nov. 1606, son of Henry Prescott of Wigan.

24. 1606. John Prescott, bapt. 20 Apr. 1606, son of James Prescott of Ormskirk.

*25. 1608. John^4 Prescott (John^4, John^3, James^2, William^1), of Sutterby, son of John Prescott of the same, was born before 1608.

26. 1607. John Prescott of Eccleston, had a dau. bapt. 20 Oct. 1607.

*27. 1610. John^6 Prescott (John^6, John^5, John^4, Robert^3, James^2,

William[1]), born 1610, bapt. 7 Oct. 1612, son of John and Jane (Mather) Prescott, was bur. St. Par., 23 March 1612/3.

28. 1612. John Prescott, born in Wigan, 1612; died Croston, 1652.

29. 1612. John[6] Prescott (John[6], John[5], gent., William[4], James[3], James[2], William[1]), was born in 1612, son of John Prescott, born 1566; his children were Edward and George.

30. 1613. John[6] Prescott (John[6], John[5], William[4], James[3], James[2], William[1]), son of John Prescott, gent., of Hannah-cum-Hagnaby, was bapt. 2 May 1613, and he was bur. there, 14 June 1613.

31. 1613. John Prescott: his wife Mary was bur. at Eccleston, 8 Sept. 1613.

*32. 1613. John[6] Prescott (John[6], Alexander[5], Alexander[4], William[3], James[2], William[1]), son of Alexander Prescott of London (born 1561), was born in 1613.

*33. 1613. John[5] Prescott (John[5], Thomas[4], William[3], James[2], William[1]), son of Thomas and Agnes (Dicconson) Prescott, was bapt. at St. Par., 17 Feb. 1613/4.

*34. 1616. Sir John[5] Prescott, of Radwinton, co. Essex (John[5], Alexander[4], William[3], James[2], William[1]) was born before 1616 (date of his mother's death), eldest son of Alexander Prescott of London, and he died in 1640.

35. 1616. John Prescott of Standish Parish, married at Wigan, Sept. 1616, Margaret Walthew. (This is the only marriage of a John Prescott in the Wigan Parish Register, 1594-1630, and between 1560 and 1630 there is none in the Standish Parish Register).

36. 1616. John[5] Prescott (John[5], John[4], William[3], Jame[2], William[1]), of Saltfleetby St. Peter, gent., son of John Prescott of the same (who died in 1617) and was executor of his father's estate.

*37. 1617. John^4 Prescott (John^4, William^{3*}, James^2, William^1), of Saltfleetby St. Peter, gent., made his will 11 March 1616/7, whic was proved 4 May 1617; he died in 1617.

38. 1623. John Prescott, of Wigan, father of Cicely, Jane, Agnes and Elizabeth, is mentioned in the will of Robert Orrell, 1623.

*39. 1630. John^6 Prescott (John^6, Edward^5, Lawrence^4, Roger^3, James^2, William^1), was bapt. at Wigan, 17 Jan. 1629/30, the son of Edward Prescott who was bapt. at Wigan, 26 Dec. 1596. (This is the only baptism of a John Prescott in the Wigan Parish Register between 1 January 1581 and 21 September 1630).

*40. 1630. John^6 Prescott (John^6, Sir William^5, John, Esq.^{4}, James of Driby^3, James of Standish Parish^2, William^1), b. 1630, bapt. at Driby, co. Lincoln, 2 June 1632, the son of Sir William and Margaret (Babington) Prescott of Driby Manor.

*41. 1632. John^6 Prescott (John^6, James^5, John^4, James^3, James^2, William^1), was bapt. at Driby, co. Lincoln, 1632, eldest son of James and Mary (Copeland) Prescott.

*42. 1634. John^5 Prescott (John^5, Alexander^4, William^3, James^2, William^1 eldest son of Alexander Prescott, of Essex co., living 1634.

*43. 1635. John^6 Prescott (John^6, John^5, Ralph^4, Roger^3, James^2, William (later Captain at Lancaster, Mass.), bapt. at Halifax Par., co. York, 20 Mar. 1635, son of John Prescott of Lancaster.

44. 1637. John Prescott (parentage unknown) had a wife Grace, 26 Nov. 1637.

*45. 1640. John^7 Prescott (John^7, Thomas^6, Thomas^5, Thomas^4, William^3, James^2, William^1), of Upholland, was living there in 1640.

46. 1645. John Prescott, of Hindley, b. 1645; was 46 years in 1694.

*47. 1652. John^7 Prescott (John^7, Ralph^6, Roger^5, Ralph^4, Roger^3, James^2 William^1), was living in St. Par., 1652-1707. (He was second cousin once removed to John Prescott of Lancaster, Mass.

48. 1652. John Prescott of Bispham, was bur. 1652. (Croston Register).

49. 1675. John Prescott, son of Oliver Prescott of Bispham, was bur. in 1675.

*50. 1681. John^{7} Prescott (John^{7}, James^{6}, James^{5}, John^{4}, James^{3}, James^{2}, William^{1}).

*These twenty-seven JOHN PRESCOTTS were descendants of James and Alice (Standish) Prescott. Doubtless a dozen or more of those not starred belong in this same category, but of this the present writer lacks proof. In fact, most, if not all, who were not descendants of the eldest son of William and Alice (Edward Prescott) or William's brothers and sisters, were of the descendants of James^{2} Prescott. For Edward did not have a very large number of descendants at this time.

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The present writer finds more than 350 Prescotts in Standish Parish, Wigan Parish, and the surrounding towns. Nearly all of these are to be found in this work. The exceptions are those of the family of EDWARD PRESCOTT, born about 1508, the eldest son of William and Alice Prescott of Coppull, whose descendants lived mostly in Wigan Parish. Because they are not generally descended from the Standish family - as are all, or nearly all of the rest, they have not been included here.

There are also the South of England Prescotts - those of Somersetshire and Devonshire - who belong to the family. But since they left Lancashire about the year 1200, Walter de Prestecote being their ancestor, they are not included here.

Next, let us see how John Prescott, born in 1604, fits into the family of Ralph and Helen Prescott of Shevington. Also please bear in mind that because our John fits nicely here, that that does not necessarilly prove that he belongs here (though the writer believes that he does). These children are: Helen, bp. 1593; Roger, son and heir, bp. 1594 (to whom all Ralph's real estate automatically descends); Alice, bp. 1598; Cecilie, bp. 1602, and John, b. about 1604, who receives nothing except what his mother may care to give him out of her dowry, which is small to bring up three daughters and a son. Furthermore, each of the five children is mentioned by name in Ralph's will, dated 7 December 1608, proved at Chester, January 1608/9.

Immediately one is asked: Why did not John Prescott of Shevington and Lancaster, Massachusetts name sons Roger and Ralph? There is no mystery about the naming of the children of John and Mary (Gawkroger) Prescott. With two exceptions, all of the children were named after the children of Mary's brother John; the two exceptions being that Martha was named for Mary's mother, and Lydia was named for Mary 's sister. John was a child of four when his father died, and may only dimly have remembered him. Roger received everything - or so it might seem to John - for Roger sold his Shevington lands to Richard Prescott of Wigan. (John had no lands to sell). Parenthetically it may be said that the name Gawkroger (meaning left-handed Roger) was never brought over to America. The name Platts was used instead. But it was an honored name in Yorkshire, and perhaps still may be found there.

It should be noted also that while Mary Prescott married Thomas Sawyer of Lincolnshire, Martha married John Rugg of Yorkshire, and Lydia married (1) Jonas Fairbanks of Yorkshire, and (2) Ellis Barron who came from Bury in Lancashire, fourteen miles from Shevington, and there were Barrons in Standish and Wigan Parishes.

Before he turns to the next subject, the author wishes to make plain that he does not pretend that he has proved that John Prescott of Lancaster, Massachusetts, was born in the year 1604, though that is stated in the vital records of Lancaster, since he is called 77 years of age at his death. Certain it is that John Prescott was about that age and may possibly have been born in 1603 or 1605, but the reasonable probabilities lie in the year 1604. Nor does he claim to have proved that the John Prescott of Lancaster is the same person as the John Prescott, son of Ralph Prescott of Shevington, though every inference indicates that he was.

V.

A FAMILY OF BLACKSMITHS

We are dealing with a family of blacksmiths. No one in his right mind will deny that. John Prescott, born 1604, of Lancaster was a blacksmith, and a very superior one. Also John Prescott of Lancaster trained each of his very able sons in the trade of his father; and they were each trained as mill-wrights and millers as well. Each of these three sons followed his trade as a blacksmith throughout his active life. But Jonathan was a physician and a Deputy as well, while Jonas was town clerk and Deputy also. We are told by Mr. Andrew Ford that Ralph Prescott was also a blacksmith, though that is not stated in his will. Perhaps the inventory of his estate mentioned blacksmith tools, if that inventory still exists.

The wills one finds at Chester are discouraging to those familiar with the full and explicit wills to be found in New England at this same period.

Generally Lancashire wills are divided into three parts: one third reserved for the testator (which part usually went automatically to the eldest son) and included all entailed lands and real

estate; the second part: one third to the widow; and the third part of the estate generally was left in equal shares to the children of the testator. Two difficulties appear to the New Englander. First, the eldest son and heir is frequently not mentioned in the will. Second: equally agravating, the part reserved for the children does not mention the children by name.

In defense of such a system, however, one may say that the writer of the will was perfectly well acquainted with the name of his heir and the names of his children. Unfortunately for us, three hundred years later, we have no way of knowing the names of the children, nor indeed, sometimes, the name of the heir.

Under such circumstances, we should not be too unreasonable with the Reverend Mr. Holding because he did not insist on seeing copies of all the Prescott wills at Chester, many of which would have added nothing to his own information at that time.

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For the moment, let us suppose that the John Prescott of Lancaster is the same person as John Prescott, son of Ralph Prescott of Shevington. If we read aright the wills concerning John Prescott, the Founder of Lancaster, Massachusetts, he had no prospects whatever in Shevington or elsewhere in Standish Parish except that of a common laborer for the Standish family, he being at the time of his father's death only four or five years of age. You may disabuse your mind concerning the armigerous felicities of the Standish Parish Prescotts, for such charms were non-existant for most of the Prescott families. By blood and breeding they were generally the cousins of the Standishes and naturally were treated affably by them; but socially they were far apart. By John's grandfather's will, his half uncle Lawrence, the son of Roger and Elizabeth Prescott, inherited as was customary all real estate and entailed property, being the eldest son. At the

same time, Lawrence had a well paying position for life - that of Town Clerk of Wigan. Whatever came to Ralph, the younger son, and Lawrence's half-brother, would be little indeed, one fifth part of the third part, or in other words the fifteenth part of an estate which could only be a modest one at best.

Next we come to John Prescott's father's will. Ralph Prescott's entire estate amounted to £ 117, and this was divided into three parts: (1) that which went to John's elder brother, Roger Prescott, the heir, who would inherit whatever real estate their father may have owned, plus his father's third; (2) the widow's dower of one third, which the father desired that his wife might leave to his youngest son, John; and (3) the third portion to be equally divided between the five children. At the very least, the child, John Prescott, would receive about £ 7; at the very most, about £ 50, <u>if</u> the widow's mite could be retained in full, which obviously was impossible, for the widow had three small children to provide for, as well as a fifteen year old daughter to be married off if possible. Much has been said about John's sale of land. But a glimpse at the above wills gives not the slightest evidence that John Prescott ever had an acre of land in Lancashire to sell to any one.

The true facts concerning the sale of this land had been in the writer's mind for many years, but unfortunately he had for some reason connected them with John's land. Actually it was Roger Prescott, John's older brother, the son and heir who inherited these lands in Shevington and sold them to Richard Prescott, a kinsman, the blacksmith in Wigan. It was undoubtedly to this Richard Prescott, the blacksmith of Wigan, to whom Ralph's younger son was apprenticed to learn the trade of a blacksmith. Perhaps at the time of the sale of the Shevington lands, Richard

Prescott of Wigan agreed to teach John Prescott, his trade. At all events, John Prescott of Lancaster certainly learned the trade of blacksmith, and was proud of it all his life. If John was also the John Prescott of Shevington, then he was the youngest son of the youngest son of the youngest son. One wonders if John ever knew that his great-grandfather was a gentleman and his great-grandmother was a lady! Armigerous he was but he did not trade upon it.

Here is the family of

Blacksmiths:

In England:

Richard Prescott of Wigan	John Prescott of Shevington Wigan and Halifax	Ralph Prescott of Shevington father of John

In New England:

John Prescott
(above)

Capt. John Prescott of Lancaster	Capt. Jonathan Prescott of Concord	Capt. Jonas Prescott of Groton

Thomas Sawyer

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John's older brother appears to have done well in life. In 1620, he was one of the Governors of the Standish Grammar School. Seven year's later he had a house and wife in Wigan, and his son Ralph Prescott had married Margaret Rylands, the daughter of Nicholas Rylands. Roger's name is found in 1659 as a witness to Nicholas Rylands' will. Ralph and Margaret had a son John, living in 1707.

Thus his father's will had for John Prescott only the simple proof that such a son had been born to his father and was living on 24 January 1608/9, when the will was proved at Chester. (But even this does not prove to us that the Shevington John and the

Lancaster John were one and the same, though obviously it points very logically in that direction.)

Finally, if Helen Prescott of Shevington, buried at Standish Parish, 18 November 1643, was his mother, there could have been little or nothing left for him out of his mother's dowry. Knowing what we do of John Prescott, the Pioneer, this would have suited him. Yet when he finished his training as a blacksmith, his mother may have advanced him enough from what remained of her small dowry to enable him to set up as a blacksmith in Halifax, perhaps about the year 1627, or thereabouts. By that time he was 23 years of age and would have become well acquainted with the men, both in Wigan and in Shevington, as he later made friends in Sowerby, Halifax Parish, Yorkshire, who came to settle with him in Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Before we close this section, something should be said about the position, modest though it might be, of a blacksmith at the beginning of the 17th century. At that time, when the only means of travel or transportation was by horseback or by coach or some other rude conveyance, the blacksmith was perhaps the best known man in any village and one of the busiest. Directly or indirectly, every farmer, every squire, every traveler or wayfarer had need of him. His trade was not only indispensable but is was also a very popular one as well. And along with horseshoeing went a knowldge of the trade of a wheelwright and of a great many kinds of iron work as well, at least to the extent of keeping teams and coaches in working order.

In this way, John Prescott, later of Lancaster, had an exceptionally good opportunity to know and to make warm friends with those young men of Shevington, Wigan and later at Halifax Parish with whom he would naturally be thrown. And the young men who

became the pioneers of Lancaster, Massachusetts, also had an excellent opportunity to size up the kind of a man Prescott was, and each, taking a liking to him and a respect for him, made up his mind that Prescott was the type of leader he wanted to follow, if he finally decided to cross the wide ocean and make his home in the New World. As Mr. Nourse wrote in his short "History of Lancaster": Prescott was the founder of Lancaster, and there existed no rival claimant to that place.

Apparently John Prescott went to school in his boyhood "as we know that in later life he could read and write and survey land." He was evidently well educated, for his handwriting, though not as good as that of Ralph Houghton, the Town Clerk of Lancaster, yet it was better than that of his good friend, Major Simon Willard, as numerous samples by both readily prove. Prescott's bold and interesting signature is to be found at the top of many important documents and is that of a literate person. It compares favorably with the best signatures reproduced from the Lancaster Town Orders, 1652-1660. In all there were fifty-five who signed their names on that document, of which only two had to make their marks. (See Nourse, Early Records of Lancaster, 1884, opposite page 24; also D. Hamilton Hurd, History of Worcester County, Mass., Vol. I, pages 1 to 46: Henry S. Nourse, History of Lancaster).

Between the years 1620 and 1643 (after which emigration practically ceased), more than 23,000 English emigrants came to New England and settled here. Concerning the ancestry of many of these pioneer families, distinguished here for excellent background, ability, integrity and strength of character, we know little, and too frequently, nothing at all. Such a condition is notably true

of the founders of frontier towns, which were repeatedly subjected to Indian massacres, the burning of homes and churches, whereby many precious family documents and records were lost or totally obliterated. In Lancaster, Massachusetts, for example, during King Philip's War, 10 February 1675/6, every house in town, including the meeting house was burned to the ground. And many heads of families were slain, with whom perished all hope of such recollections as might have provided the basis for investigation locally or in Great Britain. Such was the case with the family of John Prescott, the honored blacksmith and founder of that town. From 22 August 1675 to 1710, the town was attacked nine successive times, and several of these were major calamities.

VI

PRESCOTT'S FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WHO CAME TO SETTLE IN LANCASTER, MASSACHUSETTS

A sound indication of the birthplace and ancestry of John Prescott, the Founder of Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1645, is revealed by the Lancashire and Yorkshire families -(in many cases his relations and life long-friends)- who crossed the ocean and came out to Lancaster to establish homes for themselves in the settlement which he began and placed upon a firm foundation. This friend, relative and fellow townsman in both Englands, they respected, trusted and gladly followed into the wilderness. Others willingly signed their names to the Town Orders to forward the settlement of which they desired to remain a part, even though they continued to live in Dorchester or Roxbury or Dedham as the case might be. Among these were the Brecks of Ashton, Lancashire, and the Drapers of Halifax, Yorkshire.

It has frequently been pointed out that groups of related emigrants from neighboring towns in Old England, came to New England together, often on the same ship, under the influence and encouragement of an acknowledged leader. Such cases were those of the Reverend John White's settlement at Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1630; the Reverend Peter Hobart at Hingham, 1635, and the Reverend Ezekiel Rogers at Rowley in 1638.

This is exactly what happened at Lancaster. Settlers from the contiguous parishes of Standish and Wigan, and other nearby places came, together or separately, to join a recognized leader from their home towns in Lancashire and Yorkshire. Here in New England, John Prescott welcomed his friends and neighbors, the Athertons, Barrons, Brecks, Houghtons, Moores, Rigbys, Rowlandsons and Suttons from Lancashire, and from Yorkshire, the Drapers, Fairbanks, Farrers, Deane and Rugg, and from Lincolnshire, via Rowley, Massachusetts, Thomas Sawyer, the blacksmith, soon to be his son-in-law.

At an Inquisition taken at Wigan, 18 January 1613/4, Edward Rigbye, Esq., Escheator, after the death of Edmund Atherton of Winstanley, by oath of Robert Markland of Wigan, Gentleman, found that Edmund Atherton had lands in Billing and Winstanley (villages in the parish of Wigan). This Edmund died 10 April 1613, and Humphrey Atherton, his son and heir, came to New England where he was commissioned Major-General, and, as a magistrate, signed the Court Order which incorporated Lancaster, Massachusetts, as a town in 1653. He had long been a friend of John Prescott, and his kinsman, James Atherton, of Winstanley in Wigan, also settled in Lancaster, in 1653.

<u>The Reverend Joseph Rowlandson</u>, born in England, 1631/2, son of Thomas Rowlandson and his wife, may have been born in Wigan

parish, for there were Rowlandsons living there at that time. Prescott was the intimate friend and trusted adviser of Mr. Joseph Rowlandson (Harvard College, 1652), who became the first settled minister at Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Among the influential families of the parishes of Standish and Wigan, and related by marriage to the Standish, Prescott, and Haryngton of Haigh families, was that of Rigby (or Rigbye). This family furnished three Herald's Visitations in the year 1613. (St. George's Visitation of Lancashire, 1613, pages 6, 24, 65, 92, and 113). The most eminent member of this family was Colonel Alexander Rigby, Esq. (noted above), of the Parliamentary Army, Baron of the Exchequer, Member of Parliament, 1639-1640, Deputy-Lieutenant for Lancashire, 1641-1642, Colonel, 1643-1644, etc., who purchased the Plough Patent, 7 April 1643, which had been organized by the Reverend Stephen Bachiler of Hampton, New Hampshire, and which included the Province of Lygonia in Maine, between the Sagadahoc and Kennebec Rivers, and he was Deputy-President of Lygonia, 1643-1644. His son Edward succeeded to his father's rights in Maine. They were descendants of Legh of Adlington, Stanley of Lathom, and of Sir John Haryngton, of Hornby Castle. This was the family of Rigby in Pemberton, Wigan Parish. (See Weis, Supplement to Ancestral Roots, etc., pages 32-33; and Adams and Weis, Magna Charta Sureties, 1215, pages 89-90). The second visitation family was Rigby of Harrock and Standish Wood, while the third was Rigbye of Burgh, the two latter places being in Standish Parish. As the following marriages prove, these Rigby families were closely connected with the Prescotts:

Johanna Prescott, born 1540; married at Standish Parish, 23 June 1560, Roger Rigby.

Alice Prescott, married at Standish Parish, 11 November 1560,

Thomas Rigby. (Johanna and Alice were great-great-aunts of John Prescott).

James Prescott, married in Standish Parish, 23 September 1612, Alice Rigby of Shevington.

Two of these Rigby families lived between one and five miles from the Prescotts of Coppull and Shevington.

It must also have been noticed how closely connected by blood and marriage are the Rigby's who acted as witnesses to the Prescott wills. These are especially pertinent to the wills of John's father and grandfather, and here again is shown the connection between the great-aunts who married Rigbys. In Roger Prescott's will (that of John's grandfather) Thomas Rigbie and Richard Rigbye were witnesses. In that of John's father, Ralph Prescott, are found Edward Rigbye, and Edward Rigbye the son of Thomas Rigbye as witnesses; and James Rigbye who took the inventory of this estate; while in the will of Richard Prescott of Coppull, Alexander Rigbie was a witness.

All these matters are brought up because John Rigby of Standish Parish signed the Church and Town Covenant at Lancaster, Massachusetts in 1655. Later he returned to Dorchester, Massachusetts, where, in the Church Records he is called Mr. Rigby, indicating that he was acknowledged as a gentleman there.

Edward and Robert Breck, father and son, of Ashton, Lancashire, signed the Lancaster Church and Town Covenant with John Prescott among the first, in 1652. Three years later, as we have seen, the John Rigby above signed, but he died not long afterwards, and his widow, Isabel Rigby, married as his second wife, Edward Breck, and they were the parents of Captain John Breck, all of whom were closely connected with John Prescott both in Lancashire and in

JAMES PRESCOTT = ALICE STANDISH

ALICE PRESCOTT, 2nd dau. b. ca 1542 = Thomas Rigby, m. St. Par., 11 Nov. 1560

Helen Shaw (2) = ROGER PRESCOTT = (1) Elizabeth, d. 1567

m. St. Par. 28 Aug. 1568

ROGER PRESCOTT: 2nd son, b. ca 1532; of Shevington; will 26 Apr. 1594 d. Sept. 1594 pr. Chester, 1 Oct. 1594

JOHN RIGBY, bapt. St. Par., 16 Feb. 1562/3 — Own cousins — RALPH PRESCOTT, blacksmith of Shevington; b. St. Par. 16 June 1569; bp. will 7 Dec. 1608; pr. at Chester, 24 Jan. 1608/9. d. Shevington 3 Jan. 1608/9. = Helen, d. Shevington, 18 Nov. 1643.

* THOMAS RIGBY, son of John Rigby, bapt. Wigan, Lancashire, 9 July 1595. — 2nd cousins

JOHN PRESCOTT, blacksmith, b. Shevington, 1604; d. Lancaster, Mass., Dec. 1681, ae. 77 yrs.; named in his father's will; m. Sowerby, co. York, 11 Apr. 1629, Mary Gawkroger, bapt. Sowerby, 15 Mar. 1606/7. (7 children).

John Prescott of Shevington, co. Lancaster, born 1604, and Thomas Rigby, of Wigan, co. Lancaster each possessed 10 acres and more of land on the island of Barbadoes, 1638. They were 2nd cousins as this chart indicates. (N.E.H.G.Register, vol. 39: 138, 139).

*Wigan Parish Register, page 167.

New England. Ashton, in the Parish of Prescot, is about five miles from Wigan and Shevington.

There still remains another Rigbie connection as the accompanying pedigree (page 27) shows. Thomas Rigbie and John Prescott were together on the island of Barbadoes during the year 1638 where each owned more than ten acres of land. This Thomas Rigbie of Wigan was a second cousin of John Prescott of Shevington. After 1638, John continued on to Lancaster, Massachusetts, while Thomas remained on the island or returned to Lancashire.

"Edward Breck . . . is usually termed a yeoman, though of ancient lineage, and possessing kinsmen mentioned in the herald's visitations as Gentlemen." The Rigbies entered three visitations in 1613. (Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 14:50). What has just been said about Breck is equally true of John Prescott, John and Thomas Rigby, the two Athertons, and to Ralph and John Houghton as well. From Captain John Breck descend the families of Breck, Minot, Parkman, Blake, Tuckerman, Denny, Shaw, Sturgis and others prominent in the Colony. The descendants of Prescott, Rigby, the two Atherton[s] and the two Houghtons are equally prominent.

A most valuable and interesting study could be made of the Brecks, Prescotts and Athertons, both in England an America. The present writer has compiled a genealogy of the families of Major-General Humphrey Atherton and James Atherton. (Typed ms., Lancaster, Mass., 1937, 174 pages, 936 Athertons).

Major-General Humphrey Atherton was, as Captain Edward Johnson described him in 1651, "a very lively courageious man . . . of a cheerfull spirit, and intire for the Country."

James Atherton was born in Wigan Parish, Lancashire, in 1626, and he died at Sherborn, Massachusetts, 6 August 1710, aged 84 years. He first settled in Dorchester, where his kinsman, Major-

General Humphrey Atherton lived. James came to Lancaster, 1652/3. Both James and Major-General Humphrey Atherton were well acquainted with John Prescott, and Humphrey, as we have seen, aided Prescott to get the town incorporated and frequently visited him at Lancaster from time to time until his death in 1661. Watching Atherton, son of Humphrey, of Winstanley in Wigan, married at Dorchester, Massachusetts, 23 January 1678/9, Elizabeth Rigby, granddaughter of the John Rigby of Dorchester. Captain Humphrey Atherton, grandson of Humphrey, married Elizabeth Withington, whose father, Elder Henry Withington was born in Lancashire, and Elizabeth Atherton married Ebenezer Moseley (or Mawdsley) of the Lancashire family. (Elder Henry Withington was baptized in the parish of Leigh (six miles from Shevington), 22 February 1589/90, the son of George and Margaret Withington). All of these families - the Prescotts, Standishes, Rigbys and Athertons lived in an area about five miles square, and nearby lived the Houghtons, Withingtons and Brecks.

The will of Robert Orrell (the Elder) of 1623, leaves legacies to four of the daughters of John Prescott (No. 38 in the John Prescott list), of Wigan, namely Cicely, Jane, Agnes and Elizabeth. He speaks of Ralph Houghton and Thomas Molineux of Pemberton as "his loving cousins" (i.e. in that day meaning nephews) and appoints them together with Ralph Woodward of Standish, Gent., and Richard Woodward of Standish, yeoman, and William Molineux and Edward Woodward, yeomen, executors and supervisors of his will, and leaves them "a spure Ryall in golde" in remembrance of his love. (Chetham Society, vol. 37 (1897) pages 22-25).

This Ralph Houghton was certainly the father of our Ralph Houghton (1623-1705) for the latter deposed at Lancaster, aged 47 years or thereabouts on 24 March 1671, and he settled at Lancaster in 1652, and, next to his life-long friend, John Prescott, was the

most worthy and useful citizen of the town. John Prescott and Ralph Houghton worked together for the good of the town for thirty years. Along with the Reverend Joseph Rowlandson and Deacon Roger Sumner, Prescott appointed Ralph Houghton overseer of his will and Ralph with Deacon Sumner proved the will.

The key to the solution of Ralph Houghton's ancestry lies here in the will of Robert Orrell, which also reveals the Prescott connection with Ralph Houghton, of Pemberton, Lancashire. Probably the solution to John Houghton's identity can here be discovered also, for it has generally been conceeded that he was a cousin of Ralph Houghton. (Register, October, 1925).

It is most interesting, as well, to find John Houghton (or Haughton, as it was then spelled, rightly or otherwise), associated with Halifax, Yorkshire, in company with Samuel Deane, a member of the well known Heptonstall, Yorkshire, family of that name. We find, too, that the wife of Jacob Farrer of Halifax Parish, co. York, and Lancaster, Massachusetts, was Mary Haughton, obviously a near relation, and so mentioned in the Farrer Article in the Register. That John was connected with the Bedfordshire family has long been doubted by those best acquainted with John Houghton of Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Mary Prescott, wife of John Prescott, of Lancaster, Massachusetts, deposed, in 1678, that she had known the Farrer family in Halifax, Yorkshire, in her youth, and she recited certain facts needed for a Court decision. (N.E.H.G. Register, vol. 95 (1941), page 8). This number of the Register gives an excellent account of the Farrer family from 1536 to 1760.

Jacob Farrer, son of Jacob and Mary (Haughton) Farrer, was born at Sowerby, 21 August 1614, and baptized at Heptonstall, Halifax

Parish, co. York, and he married there, 28 November 1640, Grace Deane.

We quote here a line or two from this interesting article which states that it is conjectured that John and Jacob Farrer emigrated to America probably on the receipt "of invitations to go to New England from former Sowerby friends, among them being the Fairbanks and Prescott families!"

John Houghton and Samuel Deane subscribed the Town Orders of Lancaster, Massachusetts on the same day (24 September 1653) with John and Jacob Farrer, and the Farrer article considers them both to be related to the Farrer brothers. For Jacob Farrer married Grace Deane, undoubtedly of the same family as Samuel Deane. (Ibid., page 9, and footnotes).

John Farrer, of Dedham, Lancaster, and Woburn, Massachusetts, was baptized at Heptonstall, 28 July 1611, and died at Woburn, 11 July 1690. The brothers emigrated to New England about 1652, and settled first at Dedham, but soon moved to Lancaster. Jacob Farrer, Jr., was baptized at Heptonstall, 3 September 1641; married 11 November 1668, Hannah, daughter of George Hayward of Concord, and was killed by the Indians in King Philip's War, at Lancaster, 22 August 1675.

John Rugg was born at Sowerby, Yorkshire, 11 March 1632, and he died at Lancaster, Massachusetts, in January 1696/7. He signed the Lancaster Covenant, 12 February 1654, and he married at Lancaster, 1655, Martha Prescott, baptized at Halifax Parish, 11 March 1631/2; she died with her twin children at Lancaster, in January 1656, and he married, second, Hannah, whose surname is unknown. In spite of the fact that Martha left no posterity, most Ruggs through later marriages are descendants of John Prescott.

Jonas Fairbanks was born at Sowerby, co. York, 6 March 1624, the son of Jonathan and Grace (Smith) Fairbanks of that place. He signed the Lancaster Covenant, 11 April 1659, having married at Lancaster, 28 May 1658, Lydia Prescott, born at Watertown, 15 August 1641, the daughter of John and Mary (Gawkroger) Prescott. This was the first wedding held in Lancaster, Massachusetts. He was killed by the Indians at Lancaster, 10 February 1675/6, and Lydia (Prescott) Fairbanks married, second, about 1713, Ellis Barron, son of Ellis Barron. This family came in the "Speedwell" to Boston, 1633, settled at Dedham, 1636, built the old Fairbanks House, still standing, perhaps the oldest colonial house in New England. Mary (Gawkroger) Prescott was the granddaughter of James Gawkroger and Jennet Fairbank. (The Gawkroger Pedigree at Sowerby, co. York, 1447-1635).

Matthias Farnsworth was born at Farnworth, co. Lancaster, 1612. His son married, 1695, Mary Prescott, daughter of Captain Jonas Prescott of Groton. Matthias settled in Groton, then the bordering town of Lancaster, and the family has always been closely connected with the Prescotts. Farnworth was ten miles from Shevington. While Matthias Farnsworth and Ellis Barron did not settle in Lancaster, nor sign the Town Orders there, they were both well known neighbors of John Prescott and their families intermarried.

Ellis Barron was born at Bury, about fifteen miles from Shevington in Lancashire, 1608. He settled in Watertown where he died 30 October 1676. His son Ellis Barron married as his second wife, about 1713, Lydia (Prescott) Fairbanks. There were numerous Barron families in Wigan and other nearby towns. Elizabeth Barron was baptized at Bury, co. Lancaster, 28 April 1594, the daughter of Ellis Barron, of that place. James Prescott of Croston, married at Croston, 1603, Alice Baron.

James Draper, son of Thomas Draper of Heptonstall, co. York, was born in that place in 1618 and he died at Roxbury, Massachusetts in July 1691, aged 73 years. He married at Heptonstall, 21 April 1646, Miriam Stansfield born there 27 November 1625, died at Roxbury in January 1691, the daughter of Gideon and Grace (Eastwood) Stansfield, of Heptonstall. They came to New England soon after their marriage. He was a proprietor at Roxbury, 1650, and signed the Town Orders at Lancaster, 3 April 1654, but returned to Roxbury. They had nine children.

Richard Sutton, who signed the Town Orders at Lancaster in 1653, was the grandson of James and Isabella (Prescott) Sutton, who were married in Standish Parish, Lancashire, 20 August 1570. (See page 78 and top paragraph on page 93).

Thomas Rowlandson (father of the Reverend Joseph Rowlandson), married after 1644, as his second wife, Bridget Muzzey, who died at Lancaster, 14 June 1662. Mr. Rowlandson died at Lancaster, 17 November 1657, and his widow, Bridget, married, third, William Kerley, senior, who died there, 14 July 1670. (There were five Rowlandsons in Wigan and others in Standish Parish, Lancashire).

Four other friends from Lancashire signed the Lancaster Town Orders: John Moore, senior, 11 March 1652/3; John Smith subscribed four days later; John Mansfield and Ensign John Moore both signed on 13 April 1654. However, while Mansfield, Moore and Smith are common Lancashire names, we lack sufficient information concerning these four Johns to be of any other use towards the establishment of the identity of John Prescott than that of being four fellow-countrymen who came to Lancaster, Massachusetts. A grandson of John Smith married Dorothy Prescott, granddaughter of Captain Jonathan Prescott of Lancaster and Concord. This makes a total of 27 English acquaintances who came to Lancaster at his behest. Probably John Shaw of Halifax, co. York should also be added.

JOHN PRESCOTT AND HIS ASSOCIATES IN ENGLAND AND MASSACHUSETTS:

Name	Birthplace	Subscribed	Born
1. John Prescott	Lancashire	1652*	1604
2. Edward Breck	Ashton, Lanc.	1652	1600
3. Robert Breck	Ashton, Lanc.	1652	
4. Ralph Houghton	Wigan, Lanc.	1652	1623
5. James Atherton	Wigan, Lanc.	1653	1626
6. John Rigby	Standish, Lanc.	1654 #	1600
7. John Farrer	Halifax, York.	1653	1611
8. Jacob Farrer	Halifax, York.	1653	1614
9. Jacob Farrer, Jr.	Halifax, York.	1653	1641
10. John Rugg	Sowerby, York.	1654	1632
11. Jonas Fairbanks	Sowerby, York.	1659	1624
12. James Draper	Halifax, York.	1654	1618
13. John Houghton	Wigan-Halifax.	1653	
14. Samuel Deane	Halifax, York.	1653	
15. Thomas Sawyer	Lincolnshire.	1652	1616
16. Richard Sutton	Standish, Lanc.	1653**	
17. Thomas Rowlandson	Wigan, Lanc.	1653***	
18. Rev. Joseph Rowlandson, A.B.	Wigan, Lanc.	1653	1631
	(Non-signers)		
19. Maj.-Gen. Atherton	Wigan, Lanc.****		1609
20. Matthias Farnsworth	Franworth, Lanc.		1612
21. Ellis Barron, Jr.	Bury, Lanc.		1608
22. Thomas Rigbie	Wigan, Lanc.		1595****
23. John Houghton, Jr.	Wigan, Lanc.*****		1650

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*First signer. **1st cousin to John Prescott.

***There were 5 Rowlandsons in Wigan and others in Standish.

****At Barbadoes with John Prescott, 1638. *****prob. Lanc.

A near kinsman of John Prescott.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE GAWKROGER-PLATTS NAME IN LANCASHIRE

From Colonel Fishwick's History of Rochdale Parish, Lancashire: "On the 4th June 1516, a license was issued to the curate of Littleborough to marry Richard Holte, gentleman, and Elizabeth Gawkroger, alias Plate, for which he was to receive a fee of ii s. iv d." (Bishop's Register, at Chester).

Early in the sixteenth century one of the Holt family was settled at Castleton near Rochdale, and in a deed dated 15 Henry VIII (1523/4) he is described as Adam Holt "of ye Castleton, gentleman," and by this charter he enfeoffed Richard Holt, Roger Gartside, Bertyn Hames, Geoffry Butterworth, and Sir Thomas Holt, priest, in all his lands, etc., in Castleton and Hundersfield, to his own use for life with remainder to his own sons, William, Thomas, Richard and Rauf Holton, the dower of Agnes his wife being reserved. In 1566, Thomas Holt, gentleman, was living at Castleton, etc. (Extract from the History of Rochdale). Note: Rochdale is 22 miles from Shevington, and Halifax is only eight miles beyond Rochdale.

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Patrick Prescott was curate of Rochdale in 1539.

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Colonel Fishwick, the author of the History of Rochdale, from which the above is taken, with his mature knowledge of the people and towns of this part of Lancashire, was much interested in the Reverend John Holding's research for members of the Prescott family and he voluntarily assisted Mr. Holding by visiting all the parishes in eastern Lancashire in search of Prescott entries. Aside from two or three items, it was soon evident that Prescotts did not exist in this part of Lancashire, confirming the fact that Wigan and Standish Parishes were the centers around which members of the Prescott family were to be found.

JAMES PRESCOTT = ALICE STANDISH

Margaret (1) of Coppull; d. St. Par., 20 Jan. 1578/9 = WILLIAM PRESCOTT = (2) Matilda Houlte
5th son of Coppull bur. St. Par. 9 Dec. 1605; having been born, St. Par., ca. 1538

Elizabeth d. 9 Apr. 1567

(1) = ROGER PRESCOTT = (2) Helen Shaw at St. Par. 28 Aug. 1568
3rd son of Shevington; will 26 Apr. 1594; d. Sept. 1594; pr. Chester, 1 Oct. 1594

RICHARD PRESCOTT
of Wigan, born about 1565, blacksmith.
In 1595, he purchased a messuage and land in Shevington, Standish Parish, of Robert Rigby, John his son, and Ellen his wife. (Pal. of Lancaster, Feet of F. bdle. 57 m. 109). He also bought the Shevington lands of Roger son of Ralph Prescott, and he trained John, son of Ralph Prescott, at his trade as a blacksmith.

Helen d. Shevington 18 Nov. 1643. = - - - - - RALPH PRESCOTT
blacksmith of Shevington
b. St. Par. 1571/2
will 7 Dec. 1608
pr. at Chester, 24 Jan. 1608/9

ROGER PRESCOTT
bp. St. Par. 5 Nov. 1595; eldest son; sold his Shevington lands to Richard Prescott of Wigan. Roger lived in Wigan where he had a son Ralph.

JOHN PRESCOTT, blacksmith, b. Shevington, 1604; d. Lancaster, Mass., Dec. 1681, ae. 77 yrs.; named in his father's will; m. Sowerby, 11 Apr. 1629 Mary Gawkroger, bp. Sowerby, co. York, 15 Mar. 1606/7; 7 ch

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF WHAT WE DO KNOW ABOUT JOHN PRESCOTT

While it appears that there is no striking or outstanding proof that John Prescott of Lancaster, Massachusetts, is identical with the John Prescott who is the son of Ralph and Helen Prescott of Shevington in Lancashire, England - still the cumulative evidence from many sources strongly indicates that he is the man he is alleged to be, and no other. Let us examine some of these facts:

1. John Prescott was born in Lancashire, England in 1604 and he died at Lancaster, Massachusetts, in December 1681, aged 77 years. (The Benjamin Prescott article in the Register, 1852, states that John Prescott of Lancaster was born in Lancashire, England).

2. The Lancaster vital records state that he died in December 1681 (His own nuncupative will was proved 20 December 1681).

3. Prescott was married in 1629 and died in 1681; therefore he was married 52 years. His wife was 22 years of age at her marriage, and we may assume that he was 25 years of age. This (52 plus 25) would make him 77 years of age at his death. All the facts known about him confirm that approximate age.

4. Thus Mr. Nourse's 77 years is undoubtedly correct, and of course, therefore, Prescott was born in Lancashire, England in 1604.

5. Prescott was a blacksmith, having learned his trade from his kinsman, Richard Prescott, the blacksmith, of Wigan. We know, also that John Prescott trained each of his three sons to be blacksmiths and that they followed that profession generally as long as they lived. This is a strong identification. (page 36).

6. The southern border of Standish Parish is contiguous with the northern border of Wigan Parish; undoubtedly John lived at home with his mother and sisters in Shevington while he was learning his trade and walked back and forth to the blacksmith shop. He was well known in both Shevington and Wigan.

7. His apprenticeship completed, Prescott looked for a place of greater opportunities, and therefore chose Halifax in Yorkshire where there were mines of iron ore and coal. While in Shevington, Wigan and Halifax he made many sincere and warm friends, some of whom later joined him in America from each of these places.

8. Once settled in Halifax he married and had three children. Three years later, 1638, he decided to go to Barbadoes with his friend Thomas Rigbie, on his way to America. Both were in Barbadoes in 1638, and both owned more than ten acres of land there. Both were from Lancashire: John from Shevington, and Thomas from Wigan nearby. John's mother was still living in Shevington and doubtless he visited her on his way to the New World. She died at Shevington, 18 November 1643. (Register, 39: 138, 139).

9. By 1641, the family was living in Watertown, where John now owned 126 acres of land, and where his fifth child, Lydia, was born. By the end of that year he was established at Lancaster, Massachusetts, where before he died he owned 1,200 acres of land.

10. The Nashaway Plantation began under Prescott with a group of blacksmiths and Dr. Robert Child who was much interested in the search for minerals. Among these partners were: John Prescott, blacksmith; Stephen Daye, locksmith and printer; Harman Garrett, blacksmith; Isaac Walker, blacksmith; and Joseph Jenkes, a celebrated sword maker. Bog iron ore was found but not enough to warrant its use. So this hopeful association was given up.

11. Soon Lancashire and Yorkshire friends came to settle in Lancaster. When the new town was organized, the unanimous choice of the planters for the name of the town was, first, Prescott, and second, Lancaster, both in honor of John Prescott. Lancaster appealed more to the Deputies in Boston and eventually prevailed.

12. Major-General Humphrey Atherton, a friend of Prescott both

in Old and New England, signed the Court Order which made Lancaster a town.

13. The marriages of the Prescott family with Fairbanks, Gawkroger and Rugg (Yorkshire families) and with Atherton, Barron, Farnsworth, Rigby and Sutton (Lancashire familes) and Sawyer from Lincolnshire, indicate the relationship of John Prescott with numerous persons in those counties.

14. The close association and life-long friendship of Ralph Houghton and John Prescott, as well as Prescott's strong ties with Maj.-Gen. Humphrey and James Atherton, Edward, Robert and Captain John Breck, the Barron, Farnsworth, Ralph and John Houghton, Thomas and John Rigby and the Sutton and Rowlandson families (there were five Rowlandsons in Wigan and others in Standish), all of Lancashire, strongly indicate Prescott's Lancashire background.

15. Of the fifty John Prescotts listed, John Prescott of Lancaster, Massachusetts, exactly fits into the family of Ralph and Helen Prescott of Shevington, Lancashire, and no other John Prescott can do so.

16. Prescott's children were all named for members of his wife's family.

17. Thomas Rigbie of Wigan was a second cousin of John Prescott and this relationship is sound evidence of his paternity and identifies him for they were in Barbadoes together in 1638, after which John Prescott continued on to Lancaster, Massachusetts. (page 27).

18. Prescott had eighteen friends from three towns in England, all well known to each other, and of whom fifteen signed the Lancaster Town Orders; while among non-signers were Humphrey Atherton, Ellis Barron and Matthias Farnsworth, neighbors in both Englands.

Each of the above paragraphs helps to distinguish the John Prescott of Lancaster, and, taken all together, his identification as John Prescott of Shevington is decidedly convincing.

A FEW OF THE DISTINGUISHED DESCENDANTS OF JOHN PRESCOTT

The Hon. Benjamin Prescott of Groton, grandson, Lt.-Col. of the Middlesex and Worcester Regiment; Justice of the Superior Court; Chosen to represent the Province of Massachusetts Bay at the Court of Great Britain, but declined.

The Reverend Benjamin Prescott, A.M., grandson (H.C., 1709).

Colonel William Prescott, commanded at Bunker Hill.

The Hon. Oliver Prescott, M.D., Major-General, Judge of Probate.

The Hon. James Prescott, Colonel, and Judge of Common Pleas.

William Hickling Prescott, LL.D., the distinguished historian.

Judge William Prescott, LL.D., of Boston.

Abbott Lawrence Lowell, LL.D., President of Harvard University.

Harlan Paige Stone, LL.D., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Charles Warren Fairbanks, Vice-President of the United States.

Garrett Augustus Hobart, Vice-President of the United States.

John Albion Andrew, LL.D., Civil War Governor of Massachusetts.

Roger Wolcott, LL.D., Governor of Massachusetts.

Colonel Timothy Bigelow, Revolutionary War Officer.

Arthur Prentice Rugg, LL.D., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts.

Luther Burbank, D.Sc., the plant wizard.

The Rev. Frederick Lucian Hosmer, D.D., the noted hymn writer.

The Rev. Andrew Bigelow, D.D., minister at large, Boston.

Colonel Marshall Pinckney Wilder, LL.D.

Professor Franklin Dexter, M.D.

Winthrop Ellsworth Stone, LL.D., President of Purdue University.

Hon. Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar, LL.D., U. S. Attorney General.

Hon. George Frisbie Hoar, LL.D., United States Senator.

PRESCOTT PEDIGREE

Arms: Sable, a chevron between three owls, argent.

Sir Richard de Prestcote
living ca. 1192
died about 1230

- Walter de Prestcote
  Ancestor of the South of England Prescotts
- Patricus de Prestcote
  living 1192
  - Patrick de Prestcote, 1254
    - Richard de Prestcote, living 1284
      - (Son), married & living, 1339-1340
        - Robert de Prestcote, 1339
          M.P. for Lancashire, 1347
          Knight of the Shire.
          - Thomas Prestcote
            (married according to a Standish deed, 1350
            - Sir Richard Prestcote
              (born about 1380.
              - (Son) Prescott
                - James Prescott
                - William Prescott, Gent. = Alice
                  b. ca. 1484; ae. 64 years in 1548; of Shevington and Coppull
                  bur. Standish Parish, 10 March 1564/5.
                - James Prescott, Gent. = Alice Standish
                  b. ca. 1509; bur. at St. Par., 14 July 1569
                  bur. St. Par., 1564, dau. of Roger Standish, Esq., of Wantage, living, 1513.
              - Daughter, married Sir James Bradshagh of Haigh, 1432.
        - Nicholas de Prestcote
          Rector of Ellesborough, co. Bucks, 1349.

Prescott of Standish, Shevington, and Coppull; and Driby, co. Lincoln.

WILLIAM PRESCOTT, Gent. of Shevington and Coppull Standish Parish, co. Lanc. b. 1484; ae. 64 years in 1548 = **ALICE** bur. Standish Parish, 10 Mar. 1564/5; widow in 1548; see Lancashire Pleadings, 1548.

- **EDWARD PRESCOTT** eldest son, of Shevington, b. St. Par. ca. 1506/7; fl. 1548. m. (1) Johanna, bur. St. Par., 11 Aug. 1558; m. (2) Margaret, bur. St. Par., 12 Sept. 1585
- **JAMES PRESCOTT, Gent.** of Shevington and Coppull; b. ca. 1508 d. 14 July 1569; m. Alice Standish, bur. St. Par. , 10 March 1564/5. Second son.
- **HELEN PRESCOTT** m. St. Par. 19 Oct. 1561, Edward Wynnarde
  - Alexander Wynnarde.
- **JOANNA PRESCOTT** b. 1540; d. St. Par. 9 June 1562
- **Rev. JOHN PRESCOTT** Curate of Halsall 1558; living 1563.

- **Rev. PETER PRESCOTT** Prior of Upholland 1535-1538; Rector of North Moels, 1554-1564
- **RICHARD PRESCOTT** d. St. Par., 12 Nov. 1564
- **Dr. HENRY PRESCOTT** physician; d. St. Par., 5 May 1563.
- **ROBERT PRESCOTT** d. St. Par., 17 Aug. 1558.
- **THOMAS PRESCOTT** d. 1571.

STANDISH OF STANDISH

1. WARINE BUSSELL, Lord of Penwortham, held the Barony about the middle of the 12th Century, and was living in 1186.

2. A daughter of Warine Bussell married Richard Spileman, who was given two plough-lands by his brother-in-law, Richard Bussell, then Lord of Penwortham.

3. A daughter of Richard Spileman by the daughter of Warine Bussell married Leising de Standish, who died before 1206.

4. RALPH de STANDISH married Juliana and succeeded as lord of the manor of Standish, 1206, but died about 1219.

5. ALEXANDER de STANDISH, son and eventual heir, was lord of the manor of Standish, 1220-1246.

6. RALPH de STANDISH was lord of the manor of Standish, 1246-1288.

7. JORDAN de STANDISH, lord of the manor, 1288-1290; married Alianora who was living in 1283.

8. WILLIAM de STANDISH, lord of the manor, 1296-1322; m. Margaret.

9. JOHN de STANDISH, lord of the manor, 1322-1350; m. Margery.

10. HENRY de STANDISH, lord of the manor of Standish, 1350-1396; married about 25 January 1343, Joan Worseley, daughter of Henry Worseley.

11. Sir RALPH de STANDISH of Standish was lord of the manor, 1396-1415, and married, about 6 May 1359, Cecelia Bradshagh, daughter of Roger Bradshagh of Haigh.

12. LAWRENCE de STANDISH, Squire of Standish, 1415-1434; married, 1398, Lora Pilkington, died after 1422/3, the daughter of Sir Roger and Margaret (de Verdon) de Pilkington.

13. Sir ALEXANDER de STANDISH of Standish, lord of the manor, 1434-1445; married in 1421/2, Constance Gerard, living 1468, daughter of John and Alice Gerard of Bryn.

14. RALPH de STANDISH of Standish, Esquire, lord of the manor of Standish, 1445-1468; married Margaret Radcliffe, daughter of Sir Richard Radcliffe of Chadderton.

15. Sir ALEXANDER de STANDISH, Knt., of Standish, born 1452, lord of the manor of Standish, 1468-1507; married 1458 (child marriage), Sybil de Bold, daughter of Sir Henry de Bold, Knt., and Grace, his wife.

16. RALPH STANDISH of Standish, Esquire, born 1479, lord of the manor of Standish, 1507-1538; married about 16 August 1498, Alice Harrington, daughter of Sir James Harrington of Blackrod and Westleigh, co. Lancaster, and Isabella Radcliffe, daughter of Sir Alexander Radcliffe of Ordsall.

17. ROGER STANDISH of Standish, Esquire, 3rd son, living 24 March 1513/4 (Standish Deeds 218). We quote this deed: Deed CCXVIII 24 March 1513 (Earwaker): "The confirmation deed to the recoverer James Standish of Erley (i.e. Arley) and Constance his wife, and the heirs of that marriage, - remainder over to George Standish, son of Ralph Standish, Esq., and his heirs lawfully begotten, remainder to Roger another son of Ralph and his heirs, remainder to Alexander, son and heir apparent to Ralph Standish, and his heirs male, remainder to Ralph Standish and his heirs general forever. With livery of seisin directed to their attorneys, Nicholas Barker and Edward Halliwell. Dated 24 March 4 Hen. VIII (1513).

The following contemporary visitation gives the information about Roger's posterity:

"THE VISITATION OF BERKSHIRE, A.D. 1566.

"Standyshe of Wantage.

"Roger Standyshe of Standyshe, Co. Lancs., Esq., mar. da. of - - -, and by her had issue, - Rauffe, his eldest son and heir; and three das., wherof one mar. to - - - Prescotte, and another mar. to - - - Barnes.

"Raffe Standyshe of Napton on the Hill, Co. Warw. Gent., eldest son and heir to Roger, mar. Alyce, da. of Thomas Blackwell of Wormleyton, Co. Warw. Gent., and by her had issue, - Richarde, his eldest son and heir, William, second son, Thomas, third son, Robert, fourth son, Roger, fifth son, Agnes, mar. to Henry Ludyatte of - - -; Iseball, mar. to - - - Furthoe of Hansloppe, Co. Bucks, Gent.

"Richarde Standyshe of Wantage, Co. Berks, Gent., eldest son and heir to Raufe, mar. Jane, widow of Robert Oldeworthe of Wantage, and da. of John Stampe of Cholsey in the said Co., Gent., and by her hath issue, - Johan, his onelie daughter." (Genealogist, II 106, varies somewhat, but the facts are the same).

Children of Roger Standish of Standish, Esquire:

18. Ralph[18] Standish, Gent., of Napton-on-the-Hill, County Warwick. #

19. Alice[18] Standish, d. 1564; m. James Prescott. #

20. Daughter, m. - - - Barnes.

21. Daughter.

18. RALPH[18] STANDISH, of Napton-on-the-Hill, County Warwick, gent., eldest son and heir of Roger Standish of Standish, Esquire, married Alice Blackwell, daughter of Thomas Blackwell of Wormleyton, County Warwick, Gent. His children and grandchildren are taken from the Visitation of Berkshire, A.D., 1566, a contemporary record.

Children of Ralph and Alice (Blackwell) Standish:

22. Richard[19] Standish, of Wantage, Co. Berks., Esq., married Jane Stamp, dau. of John Stamp of Cholsey, co. Berks., gent., and widow of Robert Oldsworth. He was the person who supplied the Herald with information concerning his family in 1566, when the Visitation of Berkshire was taken. Alice Standish who married James Prescott was his aunt and Roger Standish of Standish, Esq. was his grandfather.

23. William Standish, 2nd son.

24. Thomas Standish, 3rd son.

25. Roger Standish, 4th son.

26. Agnes Standish, m. Henry Lydyate.

27. Isabel Standish, m. - - - Furthoe of Handslope, co. Bucks.

19. ALICE[18] STANDISH, the daughter of Roger Standish of Standish, Esquire, and sister of Ralph Standish of Napton-on-the-Hill, co. Warwick, gentleman, was buried at Standish Parish in 1564. She married James Prescott of Shevington and Coppull, in Standish Parish, Lancashire, born about 1509, died in 1568 and was buried in that Parish. The Visitation of Berkshire, A.D. 1566, a contemporary record, contains the information which was given by her nephew, Richard Standish of Wantage, Gent., which explicitly states that she was the daughter of Roger Standish of Standish, Esquire, who was the third son of Ralph Standish of Standish, Esquire, the lord of the manor of Standish.

The ancient family of Prescott had been settled in this vicinity since the time of Sir Richard de Prestcote, who was living in 1192 and died about 1230 (see page number 41 above). Six generations later, Robert de Prescott was Member of Parliament for Lancashire and Knight of the Shire. He and his son, Thomas de Prescott, were witnesses to Standish deeds, 24 June 1336, 25 July 1353, and 30 November 1350, at which later date Thomas held lands in Shevington, Standish Parish, of Robert de Neville of Hornby Castle. (Standish Deeds - hereafter SD, 27, 29, 36). Sir Richard de Prescott, born about 1380, son of Thomas above, was ancestor of William Prescott of Coppull, father of James Prescott who married Alice Standish. An aunt of William Prescott, daughter of granddaughter of Sir Richard de Prescott, married Sir James Bradshagh of the Haigh near Wigan, 1432. From Lancashire Pleadings (XIC Record Society, volume

49, pages 163-164): Alice Prescott, widow of William, and her son Edward, as the eldest son in 1548, were parties in a suit against John Ambrose concerning lands in Dalton. This proves three things: William was dead in 1548; his wife's name was Alice; and the eldest son was Edward. This Edward was born before 1508 and died in 1579. From a legal document in the possession of Mrs. Hall, in 1901, it appears that William Prescott was 64 years of age in 1548 (the year in which he died) and was thus born about 1484, and that his aunt married Sir James Bradshagh in 1432. Other brothers and sisters of James Prescott (who died in 1568), besides Edward, whose wife Joanna died in 1558, were: Richard Prescott, died 1564; Joanna Prescott, born about 1540, died 1562; another daughter not named; The Reverend Peter Prescott, prior of Upholland, 1535-1538, Rector of North Meds, 1554, ejected, 1564; The Reverend John Prescott, curate of Halsall, 1558, living 1563; Henry Prescott, physician, died 1563; and probably Robert and Thomas Prescott. It is highly possible that the Prescott named in the following inquisition is the William Prescott of Coppull, father of the above family, who died in 1548: "An Inquisition Post Mortem taken by Edward Rigby, Esq., Escheator, after the death of Philip Langton within Hindley, co. Lancaster, by the oaths of Ralph Standish, Esq., Richard Molineux, Gent., James Pilkington, Gent., Thomas Bankes, Gent., William Prescott, Gent., Miles Ainscough, Gent., &c."

The earliest entry of a Prescott in the Standish Parish Register is that of the burials of Joanna Prescott, 11 August 1558, and of Robert Prescott on 17 August 1558. These are followed by a number down to Alice Prescott on 10 March 1564/5. She was the wife of James Prescott of Shevington, who was buried on 14 July 1568, and they were the great-grandparents of John Prescott of Standish Parish in Lancashire, later of Sowerby, Yorkshire, and Lancaster,

Massachusetts. There is no other James buried until 1587. The James of 1568 must, therefore, be James, father of James of Driby, Roger of Shevington, Robert, William, etc. The baptisms begin with Alexander Prescott, son of James and Alice, who was baptized in Standish Parish, 8 April 1561. The marriages begin with Johannah Prescott in 1560 (evidently born about 1540) who married, 23 June 1560, Roger Rigby, and Alice Prescott, who married on 11 November 1560, Thomas Rigby. Two other Prescott females married during the next year: these were Helen Prescott, who married, 19 October 1561, Edward Wynnarde, and Grace Prescott, who married, 20 February 1561/2, Edward Lassell, and Isabella Prescott who married James Sutton.

The Prescott Memorial (1870) describes James Prescott of Standish as one of the gentlemen of Lancashire who were required by Queen Elizabeth, according to a document dated August, 1564, to keep in readiness horsemen and armor.

Children of James and Alice (Standish) Prescott (from Standish Parish Registers):

28. James[19] Prescott, eldest son, of Driby, Gent., b. ca. 1530. #

29. Roger Prescott of Shevington, b. ca. 1532. #

30. Ralph Prescott, b. ca. 1534; supposed to have died in 1571.

31. Robert Prescott, of Standish, b. ca. 1536. #

32. William Prescott, of Coppull, b. ca. 1538. #

33. Joanna Prescott, b. ca. 1540; m. St. Par., 23 June 1560, Roger Rigby.

34. Alice Prescott, b. ca. 1542; m. St. Par., 11 Nov. 1560, Thomas Rigby.

35. Ellen Prescott, b. ca. 1544, m. St. Par., 19 Oct. 1561, Edward Wynnarde; they had a son Alexander Wynnarde, living in 1594, who was named as an executor of Roger (No. 29) Prescott's will.

36. Katherine Prescott, b. ca. 1546, m. St. Par., 7 July 1567, Richard Tetlowe.

37. John Prescott, of Sutterby, co. Lincoln, Gent., b. ca. 1548. #
38. Isabella Prescott, b. ca. 1550; m. James Sutton. #

PRESCOTT OF DRIBY

28. JAMES[19] PRESCOTT, of Standish Parish, Lancashire, and Driby, Lincolnshire, lord of the manor of Driby, 1579-1583, gent., eldest son of James and Alice (Standish) Prescott of Standish, Shevington and Coppull, born at Standish Parish, about 1530, died at Driby, Lincolnshire, 1 March 1583 (See his Inquisition Post Mortem, taken in 1583). He married, first, Alice Molyneux, died at Driby, 11 May 1581, the daughter of Sir Richard Molyneux of Sefton, Knight, and his wife Eleanor Radcliffe, daughter of Sir Alexander Radcliffe of Ordsall, Knight, and his wife Alice Booth, daughter of Sir John Booth of Barton. She was the mother of his children. He married, second, after 1581, Agnes Little, who died without issue.

He purchased the manors of Driby and Sutterby in Lincolnshire, 1579/80, and had them transferred to trustees in 1581. James and Alice Prescott were buried in Driby Church, where may be seen a brass on the north wall of the nave depicting two small effigies reads: "Here lyeth the bodyes of James Prescott, Gent. Lord of the Manor of Drybie, and of Alice his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Mollyneux of Sefton in the county of Lancaster, Knight, who had issue between them five sonnes and one daughter, which Alice deceased the XIth of May, 1581 and the sayd James deceased the first of March 1583." Above, a shield with crest, Prescott: On the dexter side Molyneux; on the sinister Prescott impaling Molyneux. #

The eldest son was born before his parents purchased Driby Manor, probably at Coppull in Standish Parish, since a child was baptized at the latter place about 1564, and if a son evidently died young.

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This paragraph was repeated by mistake on page 54,

PRESCOTT OF DRIBY

(MS. C.23 Herald's College. Oldfield's "Candleshoe," page 159; Canon A. R. Maddison, Lincolnshire Pedigrees, Vol. III 798).

Arms: Ermine, a chevron sable, on a chief of the second two leopard's heads or.

ALICE, dau. of Sir Richard Molyneux, Knt., of Sefton in co. Lancaster; died 11 May 1581; bur. at Driby; 1st wife.

= JAMES PRESCOTT, Gent. purchased the Manor of Driby ca. 1 Mar. 1579/80; died 1 March 1582/3; Inq. P. M., 29 April 1583.

=Agnes, 2nd wife, surviving, 1583. (He transferred the manors of Sutterby and Driby to Trustees, 1581).

JOHN PRESCOTT of Driby, 1st son, aet. 7 in 1583; bur. at Driby, 18 Dec. 1607.

= ELIZABETH, dau. of Francis Manby of Elsham; widow of Edward Willoughby, 3rd son of Charles, Lord Willoughby of Parham.

PEREGRINE PRESCOTT 2nd son, d.s.p.

WILLIAM PRESCOTT* 3rd son, 1580

RICHARD PRESCOTT

ANNE PRESCOTT = Thomas Page of Harrow, co. Middlesex.

*Whence Prescotts of Hannah-cum-Hagnaby.

Sir WILLIAM PRESCOTT, Knt., of Driby, bapt. there 15 Dec. 1605; sold Driby in 1636 to Sir John Bolle, Bart.

= MARGARET, dau. of Thomas Babington of Rothley Temple, co. Leicester; born 1607.

JAMES PRESCOTT, Gent. of Heighington, bapt. at Driby, 9 April 1607; legatee of John Prescott of Saltfleetby, 1617.

= MARY, dau. of John Copeland of Ros, co. Hereford and druggist of London.

ANNE PRESCOTT legatee of John Prescott, 1617.

JANE PRESCOTT bapt. 31 Aug. 1604; bur. 24 Sept. 1604, at Driby.

THOMAS PRESCOTT died June 1631.

JOHN PRESCOTT bapt. at Driby, 20June 1632.

JOHN PRESCOTT liv. 1634

JAMES PRESCOTT liv. 1643 emigrated to New Hampshire.

MARGARET PRESCOTT living 1634

ANNE PRESCOTT living 1634

Issue in New Hampshire

This pedigree agrees with that of the Rev. W. O. Massingberd, Rector of Ormsby with Driby, co. Lincoln, 27 Mar. 1901. Mr. Massingberd is the author of "Lords of the Manor of Driby," 500 pages.

THE JAMES PRESCOTTS OF LANCASHIRE AND LINCOLNSHIRE

1. James Prescott (2nd son of William and Alice Prescott) was b. ca. 1609, bur. Standish Parish, 14 July 1568; m. Alice Standish.

2. James Prescott (son of James and Alice), d. Driby, co. Lincoln, 1 March 1582/3; m. (1) Alice Molyneux; m. (2) Agnes Little.

3. James Prescott (son of Roger and Elizabeth) bapt. St. Par., 9 Apr. 1561; perhaps d.y.

4. James Prescott (son of Geoffrey and Elizabeth) bapt. St. Par., 17 Jan. 1589/90.

5. James Prescott (son of Robert and Elizabeth) bapt. St. Par. 20 March 1595/6.

6. James Prescott, bur. at Wigan, 30 June 1582.

7. James Prescott, married, Croston, 1603, Alice Baron.

8. James Prescott, bapt. Driby, 9 Apr. 1607; married Mary Copeland; parents of James, b. 1643.

9. James Prescott, married, Wigan, 1612, Alice Rigby.

10. James Prescott, of Newburgh, made his will, 1620.

11. James Prescott, son of William, bapt. Wigan, 30 Oct. 1620.

12. James Prescott (son of Lawrence and Jane) was born about 1622; married and left issue; name of wife unknown.

13. James Prescott (son of Robert and Jane (Scott) Prescott) was bur. at Wigan, 1 February 1622.

14. James Prescott (son of James) was bapt. at Wigan, 30 Dec. 1628.

15. James Prescott (son of Edward) was bur. at Wigan, 16 Jan. 1628/9.

16. JAMES PRESCOTT (son of James and Mary (Copeland) Prescott, was bapt. 1643, and he died at Kingston, New Hampshire, 23 November 1728, aged 85 years, hence born in 1643.

17. James Prescott of Saltfleetby.

18. James Prescott, Jr., son of James Prescott of Saltfleetby.

19. James Prescott, b. Royal Park, Upholland, 18 May 1647.

20. James Prescott, b. Hampton, N.H., son of James and Mary (Boulter) Prescott, b. 1 Sept. 1671.

DRYBY. PRESCOTT INQUISITION DEED.

CHANCERY INQUISITION POST MORTEM 26 Eliz. No. 185.

"Inquisition taken at Alford 29 April 26 Elizabeth (1583) before Robert Harrington, Escheator, after the death of James Prescotte, Gent., by the oath of Roger Wayte, Gent: Thomas Toothbie, &c., who say that the said James Prescott was seised of the Manor of Drybie with appurtenances, and the advowson of the church there, and of 3 messuages, 4 cottages, 2 tofts, 7 gardens, 3 orchards, 300 acres of land, 200 acres of meadow and pasture, 40 acres wood, 1000 acres heath, and 9 s. 3½ d. rent, in Drybie; and also the Manor of Sutterby, and of 80 acres of land, 60 acres meadow, 60 acres pasturage, 6 s. 4 d. and 11 lb. of cumin of rent, in Sutterby, and one messuage, 1 bovate of land, and 4 acres in Tathwell; and being seised, by indenture between the said Prescott on the one part, and Richard Molinex of Sefton in Co. Lancaster (and others) of the other part 20 March, 23 Eliz, for the jointure of Agnes, wife of the said James Prescott, and for the maintenance of John Prescott, Peregrine Prescott, Richard Prescott, and Anne Prescott, now children of the said James Prescott, the said James granted and agreed with the said Richard Molinex &c., that before Christmas he shall make a lawful feoffment and conveyance to them of the manor and advowson to the uses in these presents expressed, viz, that the said Manor and advowson with appurtenances in Dryby, Brinkhill, Badgerdby, Ingoldmells, Beloford, and Thorp next Wainfleetby, shall be to the use of the said James Prescott for life, and after his death to the use of Agnes his wife for her life jointure, and after her death to the use of John Prescott the 1st begotten son of James Prescott and his issue males, in default to Peregrine Prescott, 2nd son, and his issue male, in default to Richard Prescott, 3rd son, and his issue male, in default to the heirs male of the said James Prescott, in default to the issue of the body of the said James Prescott, in default to

the right heirs of John Prescott (and his brothers in succession) land in Saltfleetby to James Prescott for life, on his death to John Prescott so long as Agnes shall live, then to Richard Prescott, for life, then to John Prescott and his issue male, in default to Peregrin and Richard during the life of Agnes, and after her death to Peregrine for life, and then to John Prescott and his issue male, in default to issue male of Peregrine, in default to Richard Prescott and his issue male, &c. They say that the manor of Dryby is worth 8 li a year: and that the said James Prescott died 1st March last, and that John Prescott is his son and heir, and was of 7 years and more at the time of the death of his father."

John Prescott, the eldest son, was only seven years of age at his father's death and must have married early and died early. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Manby of Elsham, and had by her, two sons, William and James, and one daughter Anne. His wife's mother Ann Manby, daughter of Sir Francis Ayscough, Knt., of South Kelsey, lived for a time at Driby, where she made her will, which was proved 15th May, 1612, and directed that she be buried in Driby Church. (Extract from Lords of the Manor of Driby by the Reverend W. O. Massingberd, Rector of Ormsby with Driby, and a relation of the then Lord of the Manor).

From the History of Ormsby, page 175:

"Schedule of Driby Title Deeds at Ormsby Hall: 2 May 1636, sale and Conveyance of Manor of Driby, and lands there for £ 4,400. Indenture between Sir William Prescott, Knt., and Margaret, his wife and James Prescott, Gent. of the one part, and John Bolles, Bart. and Robert Bolles, his son and heir apparent, of the other part."

"Maddison's Wills," 2nd Series, page 64. "I, Anne Manby, of Driby, widow, to my daughter Willoughby, to Anne Prescott, my grandchild, to my son Willoughby, to James Prescott, my grandchild, 12

January 1609. Debts, my daughter Willoughby oweth me xx li lent unto her in the time of her widowhood." Probated at Lincoln, 15 May 1612.

Driby Parish Register. "1632. John Prescott, ye sonne of William Prescott was baptized the twentieth day of June."

Driby Church Brass, on the north wall of the nave. Two small effigies, kneeling with clasped hands, each at a desk with open book: five sons, one daughter. Inscription below:

"Here lyeth the bodyes of James Prescot, Gent. Lord of the Manor of Drybie, and of Alice his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Mollyneux of Sefton in ye county of Lancaster, Knight, who had issue between them five sonnes and one daughter, which Alice deceased the first of March 1583." Above, a shield with crest, Prescott; on the dexter side Molineux: on sinister Prescott impaling Molineux (partly lost).

It is evident that James Prescott purchased Driby Manor in 1579. John his son and heir must have been born before he went there. But the Inquisition Post Mortem of James Prescott gives us legal proof of his children; the Driby brass of his wife; and the Lincolnshire Visitation, 1562-4, gives this under Manby:

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                John Prescott = Elizabeth, d. of = (2) Edward
                              ' Francis Manby of       Willoughby.
                              ' Elsham, Esq. & of
                              ' Anne, his wife.
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 '                            '                      '
 William Prescott             James Prescott         Anne Prescott
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The will of Anne Manby confirms this, as she mentions her daughter Willoughby, and her grand children, James and Anne Prescott, and also that she lent her daughter Willoughby money

in her widowhood, that is, before she married Edward Willoughby. Oldfield, in his History of Wainfleet, &c. gives the wives of Sir William and James Prescott as they appear in the Driby pedigree. He also gives the son of Sir William as Thomas, and John was baptized at Driby.

"These pedigrees are true and reliable, and what is more legal established as they are in many different ways."

She married, second, Edward Willoughby, third son of Lord Willoughby of Parham.

Children of James and Alice (Molyneux) Prescott:

38. John[20] Prescott, of Drybie, Esq., eldest son and heir. #
39. Peregrine Prescott, 2nd son.
40. Richard Prescott, 3rd son.
41. Anne Prescott.
42. James Prescott.

(See pedigree, page 50 for details).

Children of John, Esq., and Elizabeth Manby Prescott:

43. Sir William[21] Prescott, Knt., of Driby, bapt. Driby, 15 Dec. 1605. #
44. James Prescott, Gent., bapt. Driby, 9 Apr. 1607. #
45. Jane Prescott, bapt. 31 Aug. 1604; died Driby, 24 Sept. 1604.
46. Anne Prescott, mentioned in her grandmother's will, 1609; legatee of John Prescott of Saltfleetby, 1617; living 1679.

43. Sir WILLIAM[21] PRESCOTT, Knight, of Driby, Lincolnshire, eldest son and heir of John, Esquire, and Elizabeth (Manby) Prescott, was baptized at Driby Manor, 15 December 1605 and he married Margaret Babington, the daughter of Thomas Babington of Temple Rothley. With the consent of his brother, James Prescott, Sir William sold the manor of Driby and lands there for £ 4,400, 2 May 1638. (See page 53 bottom for the deed; History of Ormsby, page 175).

Children of Sir William and Margaret (Babington) Prescott:

47. Thomas[22] Prescott, died June 1631.

48. John Prescott, bapt. Driby Parish Church, 20 June 1632.

44. JAMES[21] PRESCOTT was baptized at Driby Church, 9 April 1607, Gent., of Driby, Lincolnshire , second son of Squire John and Elizabeth (Manby) Prescott, and younger brother of Sir William Prescott, Knight, is mentioned in the will of his grandmother, Anne Manby, in 1609. From his elder brother he must have received a substantial amount of the £ 4,400. which was paid by John Bolles, Bart. and Robert Bolles, his son and heir. He married Mary Copeland of Ross, co. Hereford. Sir Ambrose Willoughby had married and was settled at Matson near Gloucester, which is across the Severn River about fifteen miles from Ross. Here Edward Willoughby who had married, as her second husband, James Prescott's mother, no doubt introduced him to Mary Copeland. At this time the Reverend Patrick Copeland, who has been called the uncle of James Prescott, was living in England. Domine Copeland had taken the greatest interest in the Virginia Colony, as well as those at Barbadoes and Somers Isles, visiting them himself. He was a noted explorer and colonizer concerning whom numerous references are to be found in the Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts and letters from him to Winthop and others in Winthrop Papers IV 84-85, 157-159; V 96-97, 182-185. James Prescott was a legatee of his kinsman, John Prescott of Saltfleetby, 1617.

Children of James and Mary (Copeland) Prescott:

49. Mary[22] Prescott, bapt. 1631.

50. John Prescott, bapt. 1632.

51. Anne Prescott, bapt. 1634.

52. James Prescott, bapt. 1642/3; emigrated to New Hampshire. #

52. JAMES[22] PRESCOTT, the son of James and Mary (Copeland) Prescott of Driby Manor and Ross, co. Hereford, was the youngest child, born and christened, 1642/3, and he died at Kingston, New Hampshire, 23 November 1728, aged 85 years. (Kingston, N.H., vital records; Dow, History of Hampton, N.H., II 928-930). He "Emigrated to New Hampshire", coming to Hampton in that state in 1665, and settled in what is now Hampton Falls; he was one of the grantees of Kingston, 1694, to which place he removed about thirty years afterward, and there died, as noted above. In Kingston, he was Chairman of the first board of Selectmen. He married in 1668, Mary Boulter, born 15 May 1648, the daughter of Nathaniel and Grace (Swaine) Boulter, who died at Kingston, New Hampshire, 4 October 1735, aged 87 years, thus having been born in 1648. He is said to have deposed in September 1713, as aged 64 years (hence born in 1649, but as an unclosed "9" often looks like a four, which would give 1644, he may have made a mistake, the clerk may have made a mistake, the printer may have made a mistake). He also deposed in 1709, aged 62 years (hence born in 1647). Since both depositions, even if correctly recorded, are wrong, the obvious solution is to discard both. (Sybil Noyes-Charles Thornton Libby-Walter Goodwin Davis, Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire, Portland, 1928/39, II pp. 568). Since the authors did not explore the ancestry of James Prescott, their testimony can be used neither for nor against his descent.

The identity of James Prescott of Hampton and Kingston, New Hampshire, as son of James and Mary (Copeland) Prescott, is indicated in the words at the bottom of the Prescott of Driby Pedigree, as recorded in Canon A. R. Maddison's four volume, Lincolnshire Pedigrees, vol. III, page 798, with the words under James Prescott: "Emigrated to New Hampshire." As evidences of these facts, Canon Maddison added at the top of the Driby Pedigree: MS. C. 23 at Herald's Col-

lege, London; Oldfield's, Candleshoe, page 169; Maddison's wills; Rev. W. O. Massingberd, Rector of Ormsby with Driby, co. Lincoln, 27 March 1901, pedigree; Mr. Massingberd was the author of "Lords of the Manor of Driby," 500 pages (see also middle and bottom paragraphs on page 53 of this present work); also Oldfield's History of Wainfleet.

That all the other persons named on the chart are correctly given is most accurately and thoroughly proved by the Inquisition Post Mortem of James Prescott, Gent., lord of the Manor of Driby, as well as by Maddison's Wills as quoted.

That James Prescott (born 1643) actually came to New Hampshire in 1665, is proved by Dow and the vital records of Kingston, New Hampshire: He died 23 November 1728, aged about 85 years, hence born in 1643. No other James Prescott is known to have come to New Hampshire in the 1600's. Obviously the James Prescott of Hampton and Kingston is the James Prescott, born 1643, the son of James and Mary (Copeland) Prescott who "Emigrated to New Hampshire."

Children of James and Mary (Boulter) Prescott, born at Hampton, Falls, New Hampshire:

53. Joshua[23] Prescott, b. 1 March 1669; m. (warrant, 12 Oct. 1712), Sarah Clifford; lived at Hampton Falls, where he had 7 children.

54. Deacon and Sergeant James Prescott, b. 1 Sept. 1671; Deacon of the Church in Hampton Falls, where he lived; selectman, 4 years; m. (1) 1 March 1695, Maria Marston, b. 16 May 1672, dau. of Captain William and Rebecca (Page) Marston, the mother of all his eight children. He married, second, 17 June 1746, Mrs. Abigail (Gove) Sanborn; they lived at Hampton Falls.

55. Rebecca Prescott, b. 15 Apr. 1673; d. 10 Aug. 1704; m. 3 Dec. 1691, Nathaniel Sanborn, son of Lieutenant John and Anne (Batchelder) Sanborn, the dau. of the Rev. Stephen Bachiler, A.B., first

minister at Hampton, N.H.; eleven children.

56. Jonathan Prescott, b. 6 May 1675, d. 6 Jan. 1755; m. Elizabeth; six children; lived in the part of Hampton which became Kingston.

57. Mary Prescott, b. 11 June 1677; m. (1) Jabez Colman, 2 Nov. 1699; settled Kingston, where his son, Joseph, and he were killed by the Indians, 4 Sept. 1724; m. (2) Thomas Crosby; m. (3) James Bean.

58. Abigail Prescott, b. 1 Sept. 1679; m. 2 Nov. 1699, Richard Bounds of Portsmouth.

59. Temperance Prescott, twin, b. 1 Sept. 1679; d.y.

60. John Prescott, b. 19 Nov. 1681; d. 1761; m. 8 August 1701, Abigail Marston, b. 17 Mar. 1679; d. 30 Dec. 1760, dau. of James and Dinah (Sanborn) Marston; lived at Hampton Falls; 10 children.

61. Nathaniel Prescott, b. 19 Nov. 1683; m. 30 Dec. 1703, Ann Marston; d.s.p.

PRESCOTT OF SHEVINGTON AND LANCASTER

29. ROGER[19] PRESCOTT of Shevington, Standish Parish, Lancashire, second son of James and Alice (Standish) Prescott, was born in Standish Parish, about 1532, and he died there and was buried 4 October 1594. He married, first, Elizabeth, who was buried in Standish Parish, 9 April 1567. He married, second, at Standish Parish, 23 August 1568, Helen Shaw, probably the daughter of Robert Shaw of Standish (For reference to Robert Shaw, see Standish Deeds 313 and 315).

Genealogical Abstract of the will of Roger Prescott of Shevington in the Parish of Standish.

Testator desired to be buried in Standish Parish Church Yard and by his will dated 26th day of September 1594 divides his goods

PRESCOTT OF SHEVINGTON AND COPPULL, STANDISH PARISH, LANCASHIRE, ENGLAND

James Prescott of Shevington and Coppull, b. 1509; bur. Standish Parish, 14 July 1569, son of William and Alice Prescott of Shevington and Coppull. = Alice Standish, bur. Standish Parish, 1594, the daughter of Roger Standish, Esq., living 1513, 3rd son, of Standish, co. Lancaster and Wantage, co. Berks (see Visitation of Berkshire, 1566), and granddau. of Ralph Standish of Standish and Alice, daughter of Sir James Haryngton of Blackrod and Westleigh, co. Lancaster and Wolfage and Brixworth, co. Northampton.

- James Prescott of Driby, q.v. = Alice Molyneux.
  - Ralph Prescott d. 1571.
  - Joanna Prescott b. 1540; m. St. Par., 23 June 1560, Roger Rigby.
- ROGER PRESCOTT of Shevington, will 26 Apr. 1594; d. Sept. 1594; pr. 1 Oct. 1594; m. (1) Elizabeth, d. 1567; m. (2) Helen Shaw 23 Aug. 1568
  - By (1)
    - Helen Prescott bp. St. Parish 3 March 1564.
    - Lawrence Prescott, bp. St. Parish, 23 Sept. 1566.
  - By (2)
    - Anne Prescott bp. St. Par. 28 Aug. 1569.
    - Isabel Prescott, bp. St. Par. 11 Mar. 1575.
  - By (2)
    - RALPH PRESCOTT = Helen d. Shevington, 18 Nov. 1643. b. St. Par. ca 1571/2; will 7 Dec. 1608; pr. Jan. 1608/9.
      - Helen Prescott bp. St. Par., 1 Oct. 1593.
      - Alice Prescott bp. St. Par., 7 Feb. 1598
      - Cecilie Prescott bp. St. Par., 16 Oct. 1602
      - ROGER PRESCOTT* = Margaret Rylands dau. of Nicholas Rylands. elder son, bp. St. Par., 10 Oct. 1594; witness to Nicholas Rylands' will, 1659
        - John Prescott living 1707.
      - JOHN PRESCOTT = Mary Gawkroger alias Platts; m. Halifax, co. York, 11 Apr. 1629; d. Lancaster, Mass., after 1678; 7 ch. b. Shevington 1604; d. Lancaster, Mass. youngest son ae. 77 in 1681.
- Richard Prescott bur. Wigan, 18 Aug. 1584; m. Anne, of Wigan, 1602.
  - Katherine Prescott, bapt. St. Par.; m. Richard Tetlowe.
- Robert Prescott d. 8 Nov. 1576 m. (1) Ellen; m. (2) St. Par. 3 Feb. 1565, Elizabeth Nightingale; 4 ch.
  - Ellen Prescott m. Edward Wynnarde.
- William Prescott bur. Coppull, 9 Dec. 1605; m. (1) Margaret; m. (2) Matilda Holt bur. St. Par., Jan. 1605/6.
  - Alice Prescott m. St. Par., 11 Nov. 1560 Thomas Rigby.
- John Prescott of Sutterby, co. Lincoln, gent., will 9 Dec. 1607; pr. Linc., 6 Sept. 1608; d. 1608; m. (1) Margaret; m. (2) Anne.
  - Isabella Prescott m. James Sutton.

*Roger was governor of Standish Grammar School, 1620. He also sold his father's Shevington lands to Richard Prescott of Wigan. Roger lived in Wigan where he had a house, 1627.

among his wife Elene; his son Rauffe; his daughters Isabell, Elene, and Anne; and his nephew, Alexander Wynnarde.

Executors appointed - son Rauffe & Alexander Wynnarde. He also appointed Edward Standish, Esquire, and Alexander Standish, his son & heir apparent, Overseers.

Witnesses:	Allexander Standishe	Geffray Prescott
	Thomas Rigbie	Robt. Amonde
	Richard Rigbie	Edward Rigbie
	Allexander Seriante	with others.

Will proved at Chester, October 1594.

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Since Lawrence Prescott, the eldest son and heir, is not mentioned in the will (a common occurrence in English wills at that time), it is obvious that he was provided for by entail.

Children of Roger and Elizabeth Prescott:

62. James[20] Prescott, bapt. Standish Parish, 9 April 1561; died Shevington, 14 July 1569; not in his father's will.

63. Helen Prescott, bapt. St. Par., 3 March 1563/4; mentioned as Elene in her father's will.

64. Lawrence Prescott, son and heir, bapt. St. Par., 23 Sept. 1566.#

Children of Roger and Helen (Shaw) Prescott:

65. Ralph[20] Prescott, of Shevington, bapt. St. Par., 16 June 1569. #

66. Anne Prescott, bapt. St. Par., 28 Aug. 1569; mentioned in her father's will.

67. Isabel Prescott, bapt. St. Par., 11 March 1574/5; mentioned in her father's will.

64. LAWRENCE[20] PRESCOTT of Standish and Wigan, eldest son and heir of Roger and Elizabeth Prescott of Shevington, was baptized in Standish Parish, 23 September 1566, and he was living in Wigan in

1627. He married Jane, who died at Wigan in February 1620/1. He was the Parish Clerk of Wigan, an important position in those times.

Children of Lawrence and Jane Prescott, baptized at Wigan:

68. James[21] Prescott, name of wife not known, had issue: Lawrence[22], bapt. 30 Nov. 1621; bur Wigan, 20 Dec. 1621; Jane Prescott, bapt. 16 Apr. 1623; Judith Prescott, d. Wigan, 4 Apr. 1625; Judith Prescott, bapt. 9 Dec. 1625; Elizabeth Prescott, bapt. 22 Aug. 1627; James Prescott, bapt. 30 Dec. 1628; Lawrence Prescott, bapt. 22 Feb. 1628/9.

69. Robert[21] Prescott, bapt. Wigan, 3 May 1594; m. Wigan, 7 Feb. 1619/20, Jane Scott. Children, bapt. Wigan: James[22] Prescott, bur. Wigan, 1 Feb. 1622; Lawrence, bapt. 28 Nov. 1623; bur. Wigan, 4 Jan. 1625; Annie Prescott, bapt. 13 Jan. 1624/5; Lawrence Prescott, bapt. 9 Sept. 1627.

70. Edward[21] Prescott, bapt. Wigan, 26 Dec. 1598. Children bapt. at Wigan: Lawrence[22] Prescott, bapt. 12 Aug. 1617; Peter Prescott, bapt. 25 Dec. 1619; Ellen Prescott, b. Apr. 1622; bur. Wigan, 11 Aug. 1622; Margaret Prescott, twin, bapt. 25 Dec. 1625; Mary Prescott, bapt. 25 Dec. 1625; Roger Prescott, bapt. 22 July 1628; John Prescott, bapt. 17 Jan. 1629/30; Judith Prescott, twin, bapt. 16 Sept. 1630; Jane Prescott, twin, bapt. 21 Sept. 1630.

71. Judith[21] Prescott, bapt. Apr. 1599; m. Wigan, 25 Oct. 1618, Robert Bankes.

72. Edward[21] Prescott, the younger, bapt. 30 Dec. 1603.

73. Ellen[21] Prescott, bapt. 13 Oct. 1606; bur. Wigan, 22 Apr. 1607.

65. RALPH[20] PRESCOTT, son of Roger and Helen (or Ellen) (Shaw) Prescott, was born in Shevington and baptized at Standish Parish, 16 June 1569. He died in Shevington, 3 January 1608/9. He married Helen and was mentioned in his father's will and was co-executor with his mother in 1594.

Genealogical Abstract of the will of Rauffe Prescotte of Shevington in the Parish of Standish.

Testator by his will dated 7th December 1608 divided his estate into 3 parts: the 1st he reserved to himself: the 2nd to his wife Elene: and the 3rd part equally among his children (no names given). Out of the part reserved to himself Testator leaves legacies to his three youngest daughters, Elene, Alice and Cecilie, & if it pleases his wife he desired her to leave her share to his son John.

Executors appointed - his wife Elene, Gefforie Prescott, and Alexander Wynnarde.

He also appointed Alexander Standyshe of Woolston, Esquire, and Raffe Standishe of Standyshe, Esquire, and heire apparent of the said Alexander Standyshe, Esquire, Overseers of his will.

Witnesses: Edward Rigbye

Edward Rigbye son of Thomas Rigbye,

Inventory appraised by John Dycconson, James Rigbye, Peter Fysher, Alexander Shaw & Willm. Bradshaw, filed 12th January 1608, valued at £ 117-2-4. Will proved at Chester, 24th January 1608/9.

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Nothing is said in the will of Roger Prescott, the elder son and heir, but obviously he received his father's entailed lands as well as his father's share. Roger married and lived in the town of Wigan nearby, but he sold the lands inherited from his father to Richard Prescott, the blacksmith of Wigan, and it was this Richard Prescott to whom John Prescott was undoubtedly apprenticed to learn his trade of blacksmith.

Children of Ralph and Helen Prescott of Shevington:

74. Helen[21] Prescott, bapt. St. Par., 1 Nov. 1594.
75. Roger Prescott, son and heir, bapt. St. Par., 9 Nov. 1595. #
76. Alice Prescott, bapt. St. Par., 9 Feb. 1597/8.

77. Cecilia Prescott, bapt. St. Par., 16 Oct. 1602.

78. John Prescott, b. Shevington, about 1604; prob. bapt. in St. Par. about that time, but there is a break in the parish records from 1602 to 1610. #

75. ROGER[21] PRESCOTT, eldest son and heir of Ralph and Helen Prescott of Shevington in Standish Parish, was baptized there, 9* October 1594, and he was living as late as 4 December 1652, when he appears as a party in a deed. He was one of the Governors of the Standish Grammar School in 1620, and in 1627, he was married and had a house in Wigan. He was also witness to a Platts deed, the name being common about Wigan.

"This indenture made 4 December, 1652, between Nicholas Rylands, of Standish, Co. Lancaster, of the one part, William Watkinson of North Meole, in the sd. Co. yeoman, James Watkinson of Scarisbrick, in the sd. Co., Roger Prescott and William Fisher of Shevington, in the sd. Co. yeomen, on the other part, witnesseth that whereas the sd. Nicholas Rylands is lawfully seised for the term of 98 years for the lives of Ralph Prescott, Margaret his wife, and John Prescott his son and heir," . . . etc. "Now, this indenture witnesseth that the said Nicholas Rylands in consideration of £ 300 to him paid by the said Ralph Prescott for the love and affection which he bears to the said Margaret Prescott, being daughter of the said Nicholas Rylands, and for providing of maintenance for Frances Rylands, wife of the said Nicholas," etc.

Roger Prescott, as we have seen, sold lands in Shevington to Richard Prescott, the blacksmith of Wigan, and the latter taught John Prescott (No. 78), his trade of a blacksmith. When the Shevington lands were sold, perhaps Roger Prescott helped his younger brother, John Prescott, in the matter of the apprenticeship. This would be a natural thing for an older and well-to-do brother to do.

*Also given as 9 November 1595.

Child of Roger Prescott:

79. Ralph[22] Prescott, m. Margaret Rylands, daughter of Nicholas Rylands. The indentureabove proves the relationship between the parties named. Ralph's father, Roger Prescott, was a witness to Nicholas Ryland's will, 1659. Ralph Prescott certified to a true copy of a will respecting a charity in Atherton, 1667. His son, John[23] Prescott, succeeded Ralph, as may be seen in leases to the Platts family of Hindley near Wigan in 1707.

JOHN PRESCOTT OF SHEVINGTON IS JOHN PRESCOTT OF LANCASTER

78. JOHN[21] PRESCOTT, the Founder of Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1645, was the younger (and unendowed) son of Ralph and Helen Prescott, of Shevington in Standish Parish, Lancashire, England, where he was born in 1604, and where he is mentioned in his father's will, 7 December 1608. He made his own will, 1673, probated 4 April 1682, having died in Lancaster, Massachusetts, about the middle of December 1681, "aged about 77 years." He married in Halifax, Yorkshire, England, 11 April 1629, Mary Gawkroger (alias Platts), baptized at Sowerby, Halifax Parish, Yorkshire, 15 March 1606/7, died at Lancaster, Massachusetts, after 1678, the daughter of James and Martha (Ainsworth) Gawkroger-Platts of Halifax. Apparently he went to school in his boyhood, "as we know that in later life, he could read and write and survey land. At an early age, he learned the trade of his father, that of the blacksmith, and he worked at it for many years." (Ford, op. cit., page 34).* His children will be found on pages 6 to 8 above and we will not repeat those pages here. It is the intention of the writer at this point to identify John Prescott of Lancaster. This has been done, we hope, on pages 1 to 39 at the beginning of this book to the best of the ability of the writer. Also he believes that

*The writer has seen no proof that John's father was a blacksmith.

we possess two more true identifications of the Lancashire John Prescott (No. 78 above), son of Ralph and Helen, born at Shevington, 1604 - with the same John Prescott in Lancaster, Massachusetts. (See pages 27 and 78 and 92 to 97 below: N.E.H.G.Register, vol. 6 (1852), p. 274; vol. 39 (1885), pp. 138, 139). Thomas Rigbie (born 1595; ae. 43 yrs. in 1638, of Wigan, and John Prescott (born 1604; ae. 34 yrs. in 1638, of Shevington, a small hamlet in Standish Parish, contiguous to the town of Wigan) were second cousins. Thomas Rigbie's grandfather married in 1560, Alice Prescott, John Prescott's great aunt. The two cousins were both living in Barbadoes in 1638, where each possessed more than 10 acres of land. Barbadoes, 166 square miles in size, though rich in produce, was subject to frequent and devastating hurricanes. Thomas probably returned home; but John continued his journey to New England, arriving at Watertown in 1641, where his daughter Lydia was born the same year. He then founded the town of Lancaster, where he was the principal citizen for more than forty years. Note also that three of the seven witnesses of the will of Roger Prescott (John's grandfather), were Roger's nephews: Thomas, Edward and Richard Rigbie, and that his son Ralph and another nephew, Alexander Wynnarde, were his executors. Moreover, Edward Rigbye and Edward Rigbye son of Thomas Rigbye were the witnesses to the will of Ralph Prescott, the father of John Prescott, born in 1604. Here we have cousins from the same spot in Lancashire living on the island of Barbadoes in the year 1638, while their Rigby kinsmen were witness to the wills of John's father and grandfather. On page 78 we have an even more striking and comprehensive identification: - that of Richard Sutton, Prescott's own cousin, coming out to Lancaster, Massachusetts, to sign the Town Orders of that town in 1653. (See page 92 below, the first pargraph). Also the pedigree on page 78: Isabella (Prescott) Sutton was John Prescott's great aunt.

30. ROBERT[19] PRESCOTT, fourth son of James and Alice (Standish) Prescott, was a farmer in Shevington, Standish Parish, where he was born about 1536, and where he died on 9 March 1595/6. He married, first, Ellen, who died at Standish Parish, 23 February 1564/5. He married, second, at Standish Parish, 3 February 1565/6, Elizabeth Nightingale, who was buried in Shevington, 27 July 1611.

Genealogical Abstract of the Will of ROBERT PRESCOTT of Standish, Lancashire, yeoman.

Testator bv his will dated 10th February 1595, after directing the payment of his debts, divided his estate into 3 parts: one part to his wife: one part to his children, John Prescott and Thomas Prescott, and the other part he reserved to himself, out of which he bequeathed to his young master, Alexander Standish, son and heir apparent of Edward Standishe, Esquire, a spurr Ryall in gowld: to his godchildren XII d. each (no names given).

To Elizabeth Standish, wife of Alexander Standish 20 s. & the remainder of such reserved third part to his wife.

Appointed his wife Elizabeth, his son John Prescott, and Robert Wylde, Executors.

He also appointed his master, Alexander Standish, Overseer of his will.

Witnesses: Roger Worthington Richard Moodie

Inventory appraised by Thomas Wackfeilde, Rauffe Standish, Hugh Mawdsley, & Richard Tetlowe, dated 11 March 1595, valued at £ 101-9-10. Will proved at Chester, March 1596.

Child of Robert and Ellen Prescott:

80. John[20] Prescott, eldest son and heir, b. ca. 1562; executor, 1595/6. #

81. George Prescott, b. ca. 1564; d. Shevington, before 10 Feb. 1595/6.

(Helen) Ellen d. Shevington 23 Feb. 1565 = (1) ROBERT PRESCOTT (2) = Standish Parish, 3 Feb. 1565/6, Elizabeth Nightingale, bur. at Shevington, 27 July 1611.

ROBERT PRESCOTT: 4th son of James and Alice (Standish) Prescott. Yeoman; d. Shevington, 9 March 1595/6. will 10 Feb. 1595/6; filed at Chester, March 1596.

- JOHN PRESCOTT: eldest son & heir, 1562; executor of his father's will with his step-mother.
- GEORGE PRESCOTT: b. ca. 1564; d. bef. 10 Feb. 1595/6.
- RALPH PRESCOTT: bp. St. Par., 16 June 1569 prob. d. St. Par., 3 May 1571.
- HELEN PRESCOTT: bp. 7 Aug.1572
- THOMAS PRESCOTT: bp. 14 June 1574 named in his father's will.
- ELIZABETH PRESCOTT: bp. St. Par., 6 Oct. 1576; m. Alexander Standish (prob. not of the elder line).
- MARGERY PRESCOTT: bp. St. Par., 18 March 1584; prob. d. Shevington, 12 Sept. 1586.

Children of Robert and Elizabeth (Nightingale) Prescott:

82. Thomas[20] Prescott, bapt. St. Par., 14 June 1574; mentioned in his father's will.

83. Helen Prescott, bapt. 7 Aug. 1572.

84. Elizabeth Prescott, bapt. St. Par., 6 Oct. 1576 (said to have m. Alexander Standish, of a younger line, but it seems to the writer that this is an incorrect reading of the will).

85. Margery Prescott, bapt. 18 Mar. 1584.

There follow three more children of "Robert and Elizabeth Prescott" who just could be sons even in spite of a ten year period in which none seem to have been born: (1) William, bapt. 27 Aug. 1594; (2) Thurstan, bapt. 10 Oct. 1595; (3) James, bapt. 20 March 1595/6.

80. JOHN[20] PRESCOTT of Hannah-cum-Hagnaby, Lincolnshire, gent., eldest son and heir of Robert and Elizabeth (Nightingale) Prescott of Shevington,appears to have received by deed or remainder or gift, the Hagnaby property, and settled near his Lincolnshire cousins where he appears to have flourished. The name of his wife is not known. From Hagnaby records: "Elizabeth Graves, servant to Mr. Prescott, buried, October 30, 1620."

Children of John Prescott, baptized at Hannah-cum-Hagnaby:

86. John[21] Prescott: "John the sonne of John Prescott, gent., was baptized the second day of May ao. 1613; he was buried, 14 June 1613."

87. "Ambrose Prescott the sonne of John Prescott was burried the VIIIth of September 1615."

88. "Edward, the sonne of John Prescott, gentleman, was baptized the seventh day of July anno 1614."

89. "George, the sonne of John Prescott was bapt. . . . October 1618; and was buryed the iij of July 1630."

90. Susanna Prescott "the daughter of John Prescott, gentleman, was baptized the . 1 . of Octob. 1618."

91. Jane Prescott "the daughter of John Prescott, gent. was baptized the 5 of October 1620; and was buryed the 12 of Octob. 1620."

92. Anne Prescott "the daughter of John Prescott, gentleman, was baptized the first of Feb. 1623."

93. Adryan Prescott "the sonne of John Prescott, gentl. was baptized the viiith of October 1627 and was buryed the . . . of July 1628."

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"Marriage solemnised in the Parish of Hannah cum Hagnaby in the County of Lincoln in the year 1623.

"Willyam Davvison & Anne Prescott was marryed the 15 of May , 1623" (Edward, Susanna and Anne appear to have survived infancy).

WILLIAM PRESCOTT OF COPPULL

32. WILLIAM[19] PRESCOTT, of Coppull, fifth son of James and Alice (Standish) Prescott, was born in Coppull, Standish Parish, about 1538, and he was buried at Coppull, 9 December 1605. He married, first, Margaret of Coppull, the mother of all his children, who died at Coppull, Standish Parish, 20 January 1578/9. He married, second, at Standish Parish, 11 February 1582/3, Matilda Houlte, who was buried at Coppull, 2 January 1605/6. Of this branch we have full information because several descendants rose to eminence in Great Britain. As is frequently the case, however, the following visitations name only a few of the children of William and Margaret.

Children of William and Margaret Prescott:

94. Thomas[20] Prescott, eldest son and heir, of Upholland, b. Standish Parish, June 1560; buried at Eccleston, July 1613; married (1)

PRESCOTT OF FARINGDON W'THM.

WILLIAM PRESCOTT of Lancashire =

THOMAS PRESCOTT | GEOFFREY PRESCOTT of London = JOANE | ALEXANDER PRESCOTT of London, Alderman.

(children of Geoffrey and Joane:) RICHARD PRESCOTT of London. | WILLIAM PRESCOTT of London, Gent. 1634 = SUSAN, dau. of Charles Bostock of London, Gent.

(children of William and Susan:) GEOFFREY PRESCOTT | WILLIAM PRESCOTT | SUSAN PRESCOTT | MARTHA PRESCOTT | ELIZABETH PRESCOTT

Visitation of London. p'me William Prescott.

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William Prescott, of Coppull, fifth son of James and Alice (Standish) Prescott, was buried at Coppull, 1605. He married Matilda, buried at Standish, January, 1605. Of this branch we have full information because several descendants rose to eminence. As is frequently the case, however, the above visitation names only a few of the children of William and his two wives. The children were by his first wife, Margaret.

PRESCOTT

Arms: Sable, a chevron between three Owls argent, in the fess point a mullet of the first.

Crest: A cubit arm erect, vested gules, holding in the hand a pitch pot sable, fired proper.

WILLIAM PRESCOTT of Cople in Com. Lanc. descended of the ancient familie

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MARTHA, d. of Sir JAMES PEMBERTON, Knt., Mayor of London, 1st wife.

(1) = ALEXANDER PRESCOTT Esquire, of London Alderman, 3d son of William = (2) ANNE, da. of - - - Little, of Bray, Com. Berks. A widow of - - - Haughton; renupt Lister, Doctor of Physic.

- Sir JOHN PRESCOTT of Radwinton in Com. Essex, Knt.
- ALEXANDER PRESCOTT of Joby in Com. Essex, 1634 = ISABELL d. of Francis Stafford.
  - JOHN PRESCOTT
  - ALEXANDER PRESCOTT
  - HENRY PRESCOTT
  - MARTHA
  - MARY
  - ISABELL
  - ELIZABETH
- EDWARD PRESCOTT of London.
- MARY ux Thomas Hodges son of Alderman Hodges of London
- MARTHA ux Richard Turner of London, draper.

VISITATION OF ESSEX 1634

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MARGARET (1) of Coppull; d. St. Par. 20 Jan. 1578/9. = WILLIAM PRESCOTT 5th son of James and Alice (Standish) Prescott of Coppull; bur. St. Par., 9 Dec. 1605 = (2) St. Par., 11 Feb. 1582/3, MATILDA HOULTE, bur. Coppull, St. Par., 2 Jan. 1605/6.

ALICE (1) = THOMAS PRESCOTT eldest son, b. St. Par., June 1560; of Coppull; bur. Eccleston, July 1613. = (2) St. Par., 8 Jan. 1593/4, AGNES DICCONSON.

JOHN PRESCOTT bp. St. Par. 24 Nov. 1587. d. St. Par., 6 Sept. 1615.

MARGARET PRESCOTT bp. St. Par., 13 Apr. 1589, d.y.

MARGERY PRESCOTT bp. St. Par., 2 Feb. 1593/4.

GEOFFREY PRESCOTT b. St. Par., 10 March 1597.

ALEXANDER PRESCOTT bp. St. Par., 3 June 1599

MARGARET PRESCOTT bp. St. Par., 27 May 1601.

RICHARD PRESCOTT bp. St. Par., 14 Sept. 1603; d.y.

EDWARD PRESCOTT bp. St. Par., 9 June 1605.

AGNES PRESCOTT b. St. Par., 9 Aug. 1607.

ROGER PRESCOTT bp. St. Par., 25 May 1606.

RICHARD PRESCOTT bp. St. Par., 14 Nov. 1609.

JOHN PRESCOTT bp. St. Par., 17 Feb. 1613/4.

GEOFFREY PRESCOTT 2nd son; d. 1625 q.v.

ALEXANDER PRESCOTT, ESQ. 3rd son; d. 1621, q.v.

RICHARD PRESCOTT of Wigan; bought lands in Shevington of Roger son of Ralph Prescott

EDWARD PRESCOTT bp. St. Par., 7 Aug. 1569

ELIZABETH PRESCOTT bp. St. Par., 9 Sept. 1572.

WILLIAM PRESCOTT bp. S. Par., 9 June 1575; d. 22 Sept. 1575.

Alice, and he married (2) at Standish Parish, 8 January 1593/4, Agnes Dicconson, who was buried in 1605. This was a large family and left descendants in Theobalde, Herfordshire.

95. Geoffrey Prescott, second son, born about 1561, died 1625; citizen of London, merchant. #

96. Alexander Prescott, Esquire, third son, bapt. Standish Parish, 8 March 1561/2. #

97. Edward Prescott, bapt. Standish Parish, 7 Aug. 1569; this Edward Prescott of Shevington is thought to be the one who had his estate sequestrated by the Parliament for "delinquency" during the Civil War (VCH Lanc., VI 202).

98. Richard Prescott, born perhaps about 1565, of Wigan, blacksmith, who bought the Shevington lands of Roger Prescott (No. 75) son of Ralph Prescott, and was the one who taught John Prescott (No. 78) of Shevington, Wigan, Halifax, and Lancaster, Massachusetts, his trade of the blacksmith; earlier in 1595, Richard Prescott purchased a messuage and lands in the township of Shevington from Robert Rigby, John his son, and Ellen, wife of John (Pal. of Lanc., Feet of F. bdle. 57 m 109). (Also VCH Lanc. VI 199-203). His wife Anna was living in 1602, and she may have been the one who was buried in Standish Parish, 5 October 1629.

99. Elizabeth Prescott, bapt. St. Par., 9 Sept. 1572.

100. William Prescott, bapt. St. Par., 9 June 1575; buried there, 22 Sept. 1575.

101. John Prescott.

95. GEOFFREY[20] PRESCOTT, second son of William and Margaret Prescott of Coppull, citizen and merchant of London, died in 1625. He married Joane. Evidently he lived for some years in Shevington or Coppull before going to London, for he appears as a witness and overseer of several wills noted above.

Children of Geoffrey and Joane Prescott (according to the testimony of his son William. There may have been others).

102. Richard[21] Prescott, of London.

103. William Prescott, of London, Gent., was living in 1634, when he prepared the pedigree of his family for the Herald's Visitation of London of that year. (See page 71). He married Susan Bostock, daughter of Charles Bostock of London, Gent., and they were the parents of the following children: Geoffrey[22] Prescott, William Prescott, Jr., Susan Prescott, Martha Prescott, Elizabeth Prescott.

96. ALEXANDER[20] PRESCOTT, of London, Esquire, third son of William and Margaret Prescott of Coppull. He was alderman and sheriff of London, 1612, and died in 1621. He married, first, Martha Pemberton, died 1616, the daughter of Sir James Pemberton. He married, second, Anne Little of Bray. The visitation on page 72 gives information concerning this branch of the Prescott family. We add somewhat to this here:

Children of Alexander and Margaret (Pemberton) Prescott:

104. Sir John[21] Prescott, Knt., of Radwinton, Essex, and Bromeley, Kent, died 1640; married Jane Fisher, dau. of Sir Thomas Fisher, Bart. She married, second, Hon. William Maynard, 2nd son of Lord William Maynard.

105. Alexander Prescott, of Joby in the Co. of Essex, the author of the visitation (page 72), 1634; married Isabel Stafford, dau. of Francis Stafford. They were the parents of John[22] Prescott, Alexander Prescott, Isabel Prescott, and Elizabeth Prescott.

106. Edward Prescott, of London.

107. Mary Prescott, m. Thomas Hodges, son of Alderman Hodges.

108. Martha Prescott, m. Richard Turner, of London, draper.

37. JOHN[19] PRESCOTT, the youngest son of James and Alice (Standish) Prescott, was born in Standish Parish, about 1548, and he died at Sutterby, Lincolnshire, 1608. He married, first, Margaret, and second, Anne. Though the youngest son, he was very successful in life, due to the patronage of his oldest brother, James Prescott. When James purchased the Manor of Driby, he also purchased a smaller manor nearby at Sutterby, which he turned over to his brother John to manage. The description of this manor is to be found in the Inquisition Post Mortem on pages 52 and 53 above.

John Prescott, the elder of Sutterbie, Gent., made his will 9 December 1607, which was proved at Lincoln, 6 September 1608."To Anne, my wife. To Anne Boston, daughter of William Boston of Thimbleby. To my son-in-law, William Boston. To James Prescott, my nephew, my cloke and all the rest of my apparel except my sattyn dublett which I give to John Prescott, sonne of John Prescott of Saltfleetbie, my god-child. To Anne Boston wife of William Boston. Residue to Anne, my wife, whom I make my executrix." Maddison's Wills, 2nd Series, page 38. (See pedigree, page 77).

John Prescott of Saltfleetby is a nephew, son perhaps of Ralph Prescott (No. 30), who died in 1571, third of the brothers. In the Sutterby Register we find the following: "John Prescott, gentleman, and Agnes Say, gentlewoman, were married the Xth day of June, 1604."

The will of John Prescott of Saltfleetby St. Peter, gent., was made 11 March 1618, and was proved at Lincoln, 14th May following. "To eldest son John Prescott, to Peregrine, to Richard, to four younger children, Peregrine, Richard, Ann, Elizabeth. To James and Anne Prescott, children of John Prescott of Driby, lately deceased. To four of my brother James's children, James, Roger, Susannah, Elizabeth. To Edward and George Prescott, son of John Prescott of Hagnaby." (Maddison's Wills, 2nd Series, page 171).

James Prescott = Alice Standish**

John Prescott, "the elder", of Sutterby, Gent. = Anne. *William Prescott = ...

Will dated 9 Dec. 1607; proved 6 Sept. 1608; mentions his son-in-law William Boston and his daughter Ann Boston.

John Prescott, "the younger", of Saltfleetby St. Peter's, Gent. Will dated 11 March 1616/7; provrf 4 May 1617. = ...

James Prescott called nephew in John Prescott of Saltfleetby's will = ...

John Prescott, executor

Peregrine Prescott

Richard Prescott

Anne Prescott

Elizabeth Prescott

Jane Prescott = Oresby.

James Prescott

Roger Prescott

Susanna Prescott

Elizabeth Prescott

All named in John Prescott of Saltfleetby's will as children of his brother James Prescott.

*William Prescott of Driby is suggested by Canon Maddison as the probable father.

**James Prescott and Alice Standish are now known to be the parents of John Prescott, the elder, of Sutterby.

Canon A. R. Maddison,

Lincolnshire Pedigrees,

III 798.

38. ISABELLA[19] PRESCOTT, youngest child; married James Sutton.

JAMES PRESCOTT = ALICE STANDISH

ISABELLA PRESCOTT
Youngest child b. ca. 1550; m. Standish Parish, 20 Aug. 1570

= James Sutton

Helen Shaw
m. St. Par. 28 Aug. 1568

= ROGER PRESCOTT
2nd son, b. ca. 1532; of Shevington; will 26 Apr. 1594; d. Sept. 1594; will pr. Chester, 1 Oct. 1594. (He had m. (1) Elizabeth, d. 1567).

RALPH PRESCOTT
blacksmith of Shevington; bapt. St. Par. 16 June 1569; will 7 Dec. 1608; pr. at Chester, 24 Jan. 1608/9. d. Shevington, 3 Jan. 1608/9.

= Helen, d. Shevington, 18 Nov. 1643

RICHARD SUTTON
Signed the Town Orders at Lancaster, Mass., in April 1653.
(See p. 93 top)

Cousins

JOHN PRESCOTT, blacksmith, born at Shevington, 1604; d. Lancaster, Mass., Dec. 1681, ae. 77 yrs.; named in his father's will; m. Sowerby, co. York, 11 Apr. 1629, Mary Gawkroger, bapt. Sowerby, 15 March 1606/7. (7 children). JOHN PRESCOTT was the Founder of Lancaster, Massachusetts, 1645.

N.E.H.G.Register, volume 36 (1882), page 336, for data on the Sutton family in

PRESCOTT WILLS AT CHESTER

1584	Richard of Dalton*	1605	William of Coppull*
1592	Thomas of Orrell	1613	John of Standish*
1594	Roger of Shevington**	1616	John of Heskin
1594	Anne of Eccleston	1617	Thomas of Coppull
1596	Robert of Standish**	1619	Richard of Dalton**
1598	Thomas of Walton	1619	Thomas of Burscough
1600	William of Orrell	1620	James of Newburgh
1600	William of Eccleston	1631	Richard of Coppull**
1608	Ralph of Shevington**	1633	Richard of Dalton*

*Wills examined by the writer. **Wills given in this work.

Genealogical Abstract of the Will of RICHARD PRESCOTT of Dalton, Lancashire, yeoman, deceased. Will dated 23 June 1619.

Testator directed that "the two arkes or great chests, the standinge bedd in the lofte, and the iron chymney shall remayne where they doe for my sonne and his yssue as heirlooms to the house."

The rest of his estate he divided into 3 parts: 1 to himself: 1 to his wife; and 1 to his children (no names given). Out of his share he bequeaths legacies to: his brother George Prescott: his four god-children, Elizabeth Spencer, Ellin Toppinge, Ellin Prescott, and Lawrence Halton; cosen Thomas Prescott, the residue of his share to be equally divided among his children (no names given).

Executors appointed: John Holland (his father-in-law) & Richard Taylor (brother-in-law).

Supervisors - John Rigby (brother-in-law) & Edward Prescott of Dalton.

Witnesses: Wm. Rigby Hen Prescott Thomas Prescott & Jane Holland.

Will proved 5th July 1619.

The inventory filed was appraised by Edward Prescott, John Walthew, Wm. Howett, and John Mollyneux, an the 3rd July 1619.

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Genealogical Abstract of the Will of RICHARD PRESCOTT of Coppull in the Parish of Standish, Lancashire, yeoman.

Testator by his will dated 21st October 1631, after desiring to

be buried with his ancestors in Standish Parish Church, divided his goods among:

His wife Dorathie Prescott; his son-in-law Richard Crooke; his youngest daughter Isabell Prescott; every one of his grandchildren which he should have before the next Candlemas day 5 s. each.

He appointed his wife Dorothy and his said youngest daughter Isabell - Executors; and his son-in-law, Edward Hoult, his brother-in-law John Dycconson, and Geffrey Prescott - Supervisors of his will

Witnesses William Ridley Alexander Rigbie

Inventory of goods filed 3rd November 1631, appraised by John Dicconson, Edward Hoult, Geffrey Prescott, and Robert Walthew, & valued at £ 122-1-10.

Will proved in the consistory Court of Chester 8th December, 1631.

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Halifax Parish Registers

The Family of John Prescott of Sowerby:

John Prescott married 11 April 1629, Mary Gawkroger (alias Platts).

Mary Prescott baptized 25 Feb. 1629/30, dau. of John and Mary.

Martha Prescott baptized 11 Mar. 1631/2, dau. of John and Mary.

John Prescott baptized 20 March 1635, dau. of John and Mary.

Infant buried 24 May 1631, child of John and Mary.

Infant buried 8 July 1634, child of John and Mary.

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1600	Oct.	26	Mary of Richard Gawkroger — Sowerby
1602	Dec.	5	Marye of Joseph Gawkroger — Halifax
1603	Oct.	23	Esther of William Platts — Halifax
1604	Apr.	22	Susan of Joseph Gawkroger — Halifax
1604	Mar.	24	William of William Platts — Halifax
1606	Apr.	13	Alice of William Platts — Halifax
1606	Mar.	23	Mary of James Gawkroger — Sowerby
1607	Nov.	22	James of Edmond Platts — Sowerby
1607	Jan.	24	Sarah of John Gawkroger — Sowerby
1608	Sep.	11	Mary of John Gawkroger — Sowerby
1609	Mar.	26	Eliza Platts alias Gawkroger — Sowerby

The names Gawkroger and Platts were interchangeable.
In America Gawkroger was not used: here the name was called Platts.

THE REGISTERS OF STANDISH PARISH, LANCASHIRE

PRESCOTT BAPTISMS

Alexander, son of James and Alice, 8 Apr. 1561
James, son of Roger and Elizabeth, 9 Apr. 1561
John, son of Robert and Helen 1561?
Alexander, son of William and Margaret, 8 Mar. 1561
Edmund, son of John and M, 20 Apr. 1562
Helen, dau. of Roger and Elizabeth, 3 Mar. 1563
Roger, son of John and Margaret, 10 Jan. 1564
William, son of James and Alice, 25 Feb. 1564
Richard, son of James and Alice, 10 July 1567
Richard, son of Thurstan and Grace, 1 Dec. 1567
Richard, son of Edward and Margaret, 17 Dec. 1567
Anna, dau. of John and Johanna Claughton, 1 Jan. 1567/8
Ralph, son of Roger and Elizabeth, 16 June 1569
Anna, dau. of Roger and Helen, 28 Mar. 1569
Edward, son of William and Margaret, 7 Aug. 1569
Jane, dau. of James and Alice, 12 Feb. 1569/70
Helen, dau. of Nicholas and Anna, 2 May 1570
Elizabeth, dau. of John and Johanna Claughton, 14 Feb. 1570/1
Elizabeth, dau. of Richard and Anna Toogood, 3 Sept. 1571
Johanna, dau. of John and Margaret, 23 Nov. 1571
Margery, dau. of Thurstan and Anna, 31 May 1572
Elizabeth, dau. of William and Margaret, 9 Sept. 1572
Richard, son of John and Elizabeth, 16 Mar. 1573/4
Thomas, son of Robert and Elizabeth, 14 June 1574
Isabella, dau. of Roger and Helen, 11 Mar. 1574/5
William, son of William and Margaret, 9 June 1575
Helen, dau. of Robert and Elizabeth, 7 Aug. 1572
Walter, son of Richard and Anna Toogood, 11 Mar. 1575/6
Elizabeth, dau. of Robert and Elizabeth, 6 Oct. 1576
Margaret, dau. of Richard and Anna, 6 Oct. 1580
Margery, dau. of Robert and Elizabeth, 18 Mar. 1584
Helen, dau. of John and Katherine, 27 June 1584
Agnes, dau. of John Greene and Helen Prescott, 9 Nov. 1584
John, son of Thomas and Alice, 24 Nov. 1587
Margaret, dau. of Ralph and Helen, 20 Apr. 1588
Alice, dau. of Geoffrey and Elizabeth, 30 June 1588
Thomas, son of John and Margaret Holland, 7 Sept. 1588
Margery, dau. of Thomas and Alice, 13 Apr. 1589
James, son Geoffrey and Elizabeth, 17 Jan. 1589/90
Jane, dau. of Geoffrey and Elizabeth, 22 Oct. 1592
(Dau.) of John and Jane, 23 Apr. 1593
Helen, dau. of Ralph, 1 Nov. 1594
Margery, dau. of Thomas and Alice, 2 Feb. 1593/4
William, son of Robert and Elizabeth, 27 Aug. 1594
Thurstan, son of Robert and Elizabeth, 10 Oct. 1595
Roger, son of Ralph and Helen, 9 Nov. 1595
John, son of Edward and Jane Platte, 10 Dec. 1595
Margaret, dau. of Geoffrey and Elizabeth, 7 Apr. 1596
James, son of Robert and Elizabeth, 20 Mar. 1596
Geoffrey, son of Thomas and Agnes, 10 Mar. 1597
Alice, dau. of Ralph and Helen, 9 Feb. 1597/8
Seth, son of Thomas and Alice, 6 Mar. 1597
Elizabeth, dau. of John and Anne, 20 Sept. 1598
Alexander, son of Thomas and Agnes, 3 June 1599
Thomas, son of Richard and Dorothy, 23 Nov. 1599

STANDISH PARISH BAPTISMS
PRESCOTT

Margaret, dau. of Thomas and Agnes, 27 May 1601
Margaret, dau. of John and Jane, 21 Aug. 1601
Cecilia, dau. of Ralph and Helen, 16 Oct. 1602
Ralph, son of Richard and Anne, 9 Jan. 1602/3
William, son of John and Jane, 31 March 1603
Richard, son of Thomas and Agnes, 14 Sept. 1603
Henry, son of Edward and Elizabeth, 21 Sept. 1603
Johanna, dau. of Richard and Dorothy, 27 Nov 1603
Edward, son of Thomas and Agnes, 9 June 1605
Alice, dau. of John and Jane, 6 Aug. 1605
Margaret, dau. of Richard and Dorothy, 20 Apr. 1606
Thomas, son of Edward and Alice, 5 May 1606
Roger, son of Thomas and Agnes, 25 May 1606
Agnes, dau. . . . of Coppull, 9 Aug. 1607
Ellene, dau. of John, 20 Sept. 1607
Isabella, dau. of Richard of Coppull, 26 Feb. 1607/8
Margaret, dau. of Edward, 8 Apr. 1608
Richard, son of Thomas and Agnes of Coppull, 14 Nov. 1609
Robert, son of John Prescott de Layne end, 22 Apr. 1610
Katheryn, dau. of Edward and Isabella, 21 Jan. 1611/12
John, son of John of Standish, 7 Oct. 1612
John, son of Thomas and Agnes, 17 Feb. 1613/4
Margaret, dau. of Edward and Isabel, 1 Jan. 1615/6
(Son) of Edward and Alice, 25 Dec. 1616
Edward, son of Edward Prescott of Shevington, 1 Aug. 1617
Margery, dau. of Richard and Isabella, 7 Sept. 1619
Edmund, son of James and Alice, 4 Sept. 1620
Elizabeth, dau. of James and Alice of Shevington, 25 May 1623
Richard, son of Edward and Ellen, 24 Jan. 1626/7
Ralph, son of John and Margaret, 27 July 1628
William, son of John and Agnes (reputed), 18 July 1630
John, son of Robert and Margaret, 19 Jan. 1630/1

MARRIAGES

Alice, m. Thomas Rigby, 11 Nov. 1560
Johanna, m. Roger Rigby, 23 June 1560
Grace, m. Edward Lassell, 27 Feb. 1561/2
Helen, m. Edward Wynnarde, 19 Oct. 1561
Robert, m. Elizabeth Nightingale, 3 Feb. 1565/6
Katherine, m. Henry Gorseeche, 19 Oct. 1567
Katherine, m. Richard Tetlowe, 7 July 1567
Roger, m. Helen Shaw, 23 Aug. 1568
Isabella, m. James Sutton, 20 Aug. 1570
Alice, m. Henry Greenhalge, 16 July 1569
Elizabeth, m. Ralph Joley, 24 May 1573
Richard, m. Anna Toogood. 28 Feb. 1576/7
William, m. Matilda Houlte, 11 Feb. 1572/3
Johanna, m. Richard Fairclough, 1 June 1584
Robert, m. Elizabeth Calvert, 3 Feb. 1585/6
Geoffrey, m. Elizabeth Chatterall, 3 Feb. 1587/8
Jane, m. Richard Cowell, 18 Jan. 1586/7
Thomas, m. Agnes Dicconson, 8 Jan. 1503/4
Elizabeth, m. Hugh Morris, 8 May 1588
Robert, m. Johanna Hollins, 20 Nov. 1595
Elizabeth, m. William Phillippe, 17 Feb. 1596/7
Helen, m. Richard Dicconson, 11 May 1595
Isabella m. James Sutton, 20 Aug. 1570

STANDISH PARISH MARRIAGES
PRESCOTT

Anna, m. Robert Waring, 23 Nov. 1602
Edward, m. Alice Johnson, 4 Nov. 1605
Margaret, m. Henry Cowborne, 20 Dec. 1605
Helen, m. Henry Walell, 22 Dec. 1610
Alice Prescott of Standish Parish, m. 5 Feb. 1608, Robert Radcliffe de Culcheth in the Parish of Wigan.
James, m. Alice Rigbye of Shevington, 23 Sept. 1612
Jane, m. Thomas Taylor, 9 Dec. 1614
Alice, m. John Josuwall, 18 Dec. 1628
Margaret, m. 7 Oct. 1630, Richard Crooke

BURIALS

Johanna, 11 Aug. 1558
Johanna, 9 June 1561
Richard, 25 July 1562
Martha, 2 Oct. 1564
Richard, 12 Nov. 1564
Johanna, 8 Mar. 1564/5
Robert, 17 Aug. 1558
Johanna, 9 June 1562
Henry, 5 May 1563
John, 30 Jan. 1564
John, 8 Mar. 1564/5
Alice, 10 Mar. 1564/5

Helen of Shevington, 23 Feb. 1565/6 (1664/5?)
Elizabeth of Standish, 9 Apr. 1567
James of Shevington, 14 July 1569
John of Standish, 17 Feb. 1570/1
Ralph of Shevington, 3 May 1561
Henry of Coppull, 11 Dec. 1572
William of Coppull, 22 Sept. 1575
Johanna of Shevington, 3 April 1577
Johanna of Shevington, 5 Dec. 1577
Margaret of Coppull, 20 Jan. 1578/9
John of Shevington, 20 July 1579
Helen of Standish, 25 July 1579
Edward of Shevington, 4 Nov. 1579
Alice, 14 Aug. 1580
Thomas of Standish, 13 May 1581
Nicholas, 23 Feb. 1584/5 (date of death)
Thurstan, 27 Apr. 1585
Thomas of Shevington, 23 May 1585
Margaret of Shevington, 12 Sept. 1585
John, 22 Nov. 1586
A child of Robert of Shevington, 12 Sept. 1586
Ellen of Standish, 26 May 1593
Roger, 4 Oct. 1594
William, 3 Nov. 1594
Robert of Standish, 9 Mar. 1595/6
Wife of James, 24 Sept. 1597
Grace, 30 Dec. 1598
Anna of Standish, 29 Aug. 1600
Roger, son of Ralph, 11 Jan. 1601
Margery of Shevington, 2o Nov. 1602
Agnes of Shevington, 1 Oct. 1605
William of Coppull, 9 Dec. 1605
Matilda of Coppull, 2 Jan. 1605/6
Alexander, 29 Apr. 1606
Ralph of Shevington, 3 Jan. 1608/9
Robert of Coppull, 28 Sept. 1609
Elizabeth, wife of Ralph of Shevington, 17 Feb. 1609/10

STANDISH PARISH BURIALS

PRESCOTT

John Prescott of Standish, died 23 Mar. 1611/12

John Prescott of Standish, buried, 31 Mar. 1613/4

Richard, 15 June 1615

John, 6 Sept. 1615

John of Shevington, died, 28 Oct. 1616

Thomas, died 11 Apr. 1617

Elizabeth, wife of Robert of Shevington, 27 July 1611
Anna Prescott, wife of Robert Waring, bur. 21 July 1617 (Note: his mother-in-law was the wife of Richard Prescott)
Margaret, dau. of John, 10 June 1620
James of Shevington, yeoman, died 1 Sept. 1623
John of Shevington, died 8 Dec. 1627
Cecilia, died 29 Jan. 1628/9
Margaret, 30 Sept. 1632
Henry, son of Robert of Shevington, 20 Mar. 1631/2
Richard, 25 Oct. 1631
Alice, 8 Dec. 1633
Jane, dau. of Robert, 15 June 1635
Isabelle, 20 Sept. 1638
Robert, 19 Feb. 1639/40
Dorothy, 28 Aug. 1641
Catherine of Standish, 14 Apr. 1643
Child of William of Coppull, 2 July 1642
Ellene of Shevington, 18 Nov. 1643
Elizabeth of Coppull, 28 Mar. 1652

CROSTON REGISTER EXTRACTS - 1581-1675

Baptisms: Agnes Prescott, 1581. Elizabeth Prescott, 1589.
Susanna Prescott, 1601. Edward Prescott, 1586.
Hugh, son of Thomas Prescott, 1595.
James, son of Henry Haydock & Ellen Prescott.

Marriages: Thomas Prescott & Jane Strickland, 1540.
Thomas Prescott & Mary Watkinson, 1542.
James Prescott & Alice Baron, 1603.
Thomas Rigby & Ellen Prescott, 1685.

Burials: Elizabeth Prescott buried 1623.
Edward Prescott of Mawdsley, 1636.
Ellen Prescott of Bretherton, 1642.
Jane, wife of John Prescott of Bispham, 1642.
John, son of Oliver Prescott of Bispham, 1675.
Thomas Prescott of Bispham, 1631.
Richard Prescott of Mawdsley, 1657.
John Prescott of Bispham, 1652.

WIGAN BAPTISMS - 1581-1630

1.	Alexander, son	of William Prescott,	1 Jan. 1581.	
2.	Margery, dau.	of John Prescott,	Apr. 1591.	
3.	Anne, dau.	of John Prescott,	6 May 1591.	
4.	Robert, son	of Lawrence Prescott,	3 May 1594.	of Wigan
5.	Katrine, dau.	of Robert Prescott,	2 May 1596.	"
6.	Edward, son	of Lawrence Prescott,	26 Dec. 1598.	"
7.	Judith, dau.	of Lawrence Prescott,	Apr. 1599.	"
8.	Edward, son	of Lawrence Prescott,	30 Dec. 1603.	"
9.	Elinn, dau.	of Lawrence Prescott,	13 Oct. 1606.	
10.	Lawrence, son	of Edward Prescott,	12 Aug. 1617.	
11.	Peter, son	of Edward Prescott,	25 Dec. 1619.	of Wigan
12.	James, son	of William Prescott,	30 Oct. 1621.	"
13.	Lawrence, son	of James Prescott,	30 Nov. 1621.	"
14.	Ellin, dau.	of Edward Prescott,	Apr. 1622.	"
15.	Jane, dau.	of James Prescott,	16 Apr. 1623.	"
16.	Lawrence, son	of Robert Prescott,	28 Nov. 1623.	"
17.	Anne, dau.	of Robert Prescott,	13 Jan. 1624/5.	"
18.	Judyeth, dau.	of James Prescot,	9 Sep. 1625.	"
19.	Mary, dau.	of Edward Prescot,	25 Sep. 1625.	"
20.	Judyeth, dau.	of James Prescot,	9 Dec. 1625.	"
21.	Mary, dau.	of Edward Prescott,	25 Dec. 1625.	"
22.	Elizabeth, dau.	of James Prescott,	22 Aug. 1627.	"
23.	Lawrence, son	of Robert Prescott,	9 Sep. 1627.	"
24.	Roger, son	of Edward Prescot,	22 July 1628.	"
25.	James, son	of James Prescot,	30 Dec. 1628.	"
26.	Richard, son	of Raufe Prescott,	6 Aug. 1629.	of Ince
27.	John, son	of Edward Prescott,	17 Jan. 1629/30.	"
28.	Lawrence, son	of James Prescott,	22 Feb. 1628/9.	Wigan
29.	Judyeth, dau.	of Edward Prescott,	16 Sep. 1630.	"
30.	Jane, dau.	of Edward Prescot,	21 Sep. 1630.	"

WIGAN BURIALS - 1581-1630

1.	Alice Prescott, 6 Mar. 1581.		
2.	James Prescott, 30 June 1582.		
3.	Richard Prescott, 18 Aug. 1584.		
4.	Alice Prescott, 31 July 1585.		
5.	Alice Prescott, 23 Nov. 1587.		
6.	Joane Prescott, 31 July 1589.		
7.	Cicily Prescott, 13 July 1591.		
8.	Richard Prescott, 2 Oct. 1591.		
9.	Alice, dau. of Thurstan Prescott,	Wigan,	10 Feb. 1592/3.
10.	Annie, dau. of John Prescott,	"	20 Apr. 1593.
11.	A bastard of Robart Prescot, -	26 Mar. 1594.	
12.	Joane, dau. of Richard Prescot,	Ince,	25 Sep. 1594.
13.	Alice, dau. of John Prescott,		28 May 1597.
14.	Margery, wife of Thurstan Prescot,	Wigan,	6 June 1597.
15.	Margery, wife of William Prescott,	"	6 June 1597.
16.	Ellen, wife of John Prescott,	"	7 Jan. 1599/1600.
17.	Edward Prescotte of Dalton,		3 Oct. 1602.
18.	Margaret Prescot of Dalton, widow,		22 Apr. 1604.
19.	Eline, dau. of Lawrence Prescott,		22 Apr. 1607.
20.	Robarte Cowper, alias Prescot,		25 Mar. 1610.
21.	Jennet Prescot, widow,	"	13 Nov. 1610.
22.	Alice, dau. of Thirstan Prescot,	"	1 Dec. 1618.
23.	Jane, dau. of Lawrence Prescott,	"	Feb. 1620/1.
24.	Lawrence, son of James Prescott,	"	20 Dec. 1621.
25.	James, son of Robert Prescott,	"	1 Feb. 1622.

WIGAN BURIALS - 1581-1630

26.	Lawrence Prescott		6 Mar. 1622.
27.	Ellen, dau. of Edward Prescot,	Wigan	11 Aug. 1622.
28.	Lawrence, son of Robert Prescott,	"	4 Jan. 1625.
29.	Judyeth, dau. of James Prescot,	"	4 Apr. 1625.
30.	Annie, wife of Richard Prescot,		5 Oct. 1629.
31.	James, son of Edward Prescot,	"	16 Jan. 1628/9.

WIGAN MARRIAGES - 1594-1630.

1. Edward Prescott & Ellin Crosse, 1594.
2. John Prescott of Standish Parish & Jane Mather of Wigan Parish, 10 Feb. 1600/1601.
3. Jane Prescott & Robarte Edge, 24 June 1605.
4. Alice Prescott & John Bordman, 21 July 1606.
5. Catheran Prescot & Willa Boyer, 25 Nov. 1613.
6. Catheran Prescot & James Barne, 12 Dec. 1614. (Struck out).
7. Margery Prescot & David Holland, 29 Jan. 1614/5.
8. Margaret Prescott of Wigan & Lawrance Stannabought of Egleston, 14 Oct. 1616.
9. John Prescot & Margery Walthew, Sept. 1616.
10. Catherine Prescot & Peter Frick, 18 Apr. 1618.
11. Margaret Prescot of Standish Parish & Willm. Lowe, 4 Oct. 1618.
12. Judeth Prescot, of Wigan & Robart Bankes, 25 Oct. 1618.
13. Oliver Prescot, of Dalton & Sissily Beri, 27 Apr. 1619.
14. Robert Prescot & Jane Scott, 7 Feb. 1619/20.
15. Edward Prescott & Elizabeth Ward, 13 Jan. 1627/8.
16. William Prescot & Catherin Hollin, 21 Sep. 1630.

EXTRACTS FROM UPHOLLAND

1. Thomas Prescott born at Newfold. Christened at Upholland the 28th day of April.
2. Margaret, his wife, born at Holland Moor and christened at Upholland Anno Domini 16--.
3. The said Thomas and Margaret married together the 25th day of May 1637.
4. Jane Prescott born at Holland Moor on Friday the 22nd of June 1638. Christened at Upholland on the Wednesday following, being the 27th day of the same month.
5. John Prescott, born at Holland Moor on St. Mark's Day, being Saturday, 1640, and christened at Upholland the next day following.
6. Elizabeth Prescott born at Bispham Hall the 4th of January, being Thursday, and christened at Upholland in 1641.
7. William Prescott born at Bispham Hall the 21st of February, being Thursday, and christened at Bittinge Chappele 1643.
8. Thomas Prescott born at Rough Park the 21st of August, being Thursday morning 1645, and christened at Upholland.
9. James Prescott born at Rough Park the 18th day of May being Tuesday, 1647, and christened at Upholland.
10. Henry Prescott born at Rough Park the 9th day of June, being Saturday 1649 and christened at Upholland.
11. Margaret Prescott born at Rough Park on Thursday night, being the 20th of August, and christened at Upholland 1651.

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FOR WHOM WERE JOHN PRESCOTT'S CHILDREN NAMED?

John Gawkroger, brother of Mary (Gawkroger-Platts) Prescott, named his children as follows: Jonathan, bp. 1600; Jonas, bp. 1602; John, bp. 1605; Sarah, bp. 1607; Mary, bp. 1608; Anna, bp. 1612. Mary Prescott had a sister Lydia, and her mother's name was Martha. These were also the names of the children of John and Mary Prescott of Lancaster, Massachusetts. (See the Gawkroger-Platts Pedigree, 1447-1648, in Hall, Ancestry of John Barber White, 1913, pp. 128-131. Mr. Holding's "The Gawkroger, alias Platte Pedigree" gives many more details).

PEDIGREE OF GAWKROGER-PLATTS OF SOWERBY, HALIFAX PARISH

1. JOHN[1] GAWKROGER of Sowerby in the Parish of Halifax, co. York, whose name occurs 1447-1505, died before 10 Jan. 1505. He surrendered lands called Platts to his grandson, John Gawkroger, son of his son Richard, 10 August 1487.

2. RICHARD[2] GAWKROGER of Sowerby is mentioned in contemporary documents 1452-1487. He was constable, 16 October 1452, called senior, 1 August 1487; married Margaret, whose name occurs 1481-1509. He died before 11 May 1509.

3. RICHARD[3] GAWKROGER-PLATTS of Sowerby, flourished 1478-1544, was constable, 16 October 1520, and died before 28 April 1544.

4. RICHARD[4] GAWKROGER of Sowerby, married, first, Isabelle who was buried 12 February 1560; he married, second, Elizabeth, who survived him. He was heir of the moiety of Hessilhurst, 10 Oct. 1547. He died 18 Oct. 1570, and his will was proved 19 Dec. 1570.

5. JAMES[5] GAWKROGER of Sowerby was executor of his father's will in 1570. He married, 2 December 1571, Jenet Fairbank, and they lived in Sowerby.

Descendants of James Gawkroger and Jennet Fairbank:

6. SARAH[6], bp. 26 Dec. 1572; m. Samuel Holgate.

7. Abraham, bp. 21 Nov. 1574; bur. 1625; m. 1605, Martha Riley, d. 1627; they had a dau. MARTHA[7], b. 1608.

8. Isaac, bp. 9 Sept. 1576.

9. James, bp. 7 Sept. 1578. #

10. Judith, bp. 9 Aug. 1580; m. William Oldfield, by 1609.

11. Samuel, bp. 24 Feb. 1582/3; m. 1609, Sarah Bates.

12. JOHN, b. 1598. #

9. James[6] Gawkroger was bapt. 7 Sept. 1578; m. 5 Sept. 1601, MARTHA AINSWORTH, who was liv. 1635; his will was proved 6 Oct. 1628, by his widow. Their children were:

13. JOHN[7], bp. 3 Jan. 1602; m. 1632, Elizabeth Naylor.

14. Anna, bp. 4 Sept. 1603. 15. LYDIA, bp. 28 Apr. 1605.

16. MARY GAWKROGER-PLATTS, bp. 15 Mar. 1606/7; m. 11 Apr. 1629, John Prescott; they came to New England, 1638-1639.

17. James, bp. 25 May 1609.

18. Abraham, bp. 22 Dec. 1611; m. 1635, Judith Briggs.

19. MARTHA, bp. 6 Mar. 1613/4. 20. SARAH, bp. 1 Oct. 1615.

21. Samuel Gawkroger-Platts, bp. 19 Jan. 1617; sett. Rowley, Mass., 1650

22. Isaac Gawkroger-Platts, bp. 2 July 1620; sett. Huntington, L.I.

12. JOHN[6] GAWKROGER, b. 1598; m. Susan Tattersall. Children:

23. JONATHAN[7], bp. 1600. 25. JOHN, b. 1603; d.y.

27. SARAH, bp. 1607. 29. Susan, bp. 1610.

24. JONAS, bp. 1602; m. 1631, Susan Binns.

26. JOHN, b. 1605; m. Mary Riley.

27. MARY, bp. 1608; m. 1630, William Summerscale.

28. Anna, bp. 1612; m. by 1633, Richard Leroyd.

The name Gawkroger was never used in the New World; Platts was used instead. The seven children of John and Mary (Gawkroger-Platts) Prescott were named for their cousins, aunt, and grandmother, as indicated by capital letters.

FOUR LINES OF DESCENT FROM JOHN PRESCOTT

I.
JOHN[21] PRESCOTT
m. Mary Platts

MARY[22] PRESCOTT
m. Thomas Sawyer

NATHANIEL[23] SAWYER
m. Mary - - -

Capt. EPHRAIM[24] SAWYER, Esq.
m. Eunice Houghton

EUNICE[25] SAWYER
m. Col. Asa Whitcomb, Esq.

ABIGAIL[26] WHITCOMB
m. Capt. Benjamin Richardson, Esq.

WILLIAM[27] RICHARDSON
m. Prudence Burpee

GEORGE[28] RICHARDSON
m. Harriet Newell Phipps

HARRIET PHIPPS[29] RICHARDSON
m. Hon. Abiel Smith Lewis

GEORGINA[30] LEWIS
m. John Peter Carl Weis

FREDERICK LEWIS[31] WEIS, Th.D.. m... ELIZABETH WILLIAMS[29] STONE
m. ELIZABETH WILLIAMS STONE m. FREDERICK LEWIS WEIS, Th.D.

ROBERT POMEROY[32] WEIS, A.B.

VIRGINIA STONE[32] WEIS

II.
JOHN[21] PRESCOTT
m. Mary Platts

Capt. JONAS[22] PRESCOTT, Esq.
m. Mary Loker

ABIGAIL[23] PRESCOTT
m. Sergeant James Parker

EMME[24] PARKER
m. Benjamin Stone

Capt. LEONARD[25] STONE (1)
m. KATHERINE WYMAN (2)

Col. LEONARD[26] STONE, Esq. (3)
m. LYDIA RICHARDSON (4)

WILLIAM[27] STONE, Esq.
m. Martha Pomeroy Paige

WILLIAM SIDNEY[28] STONE
m. Ellen Reed Dewson

III.
JOHN[21] PRESCOTT
m. Mary Platts

MARY[22] PRESCOTT
m. Thomas Sawyer

NATHANIEL[23] SAWYER
m. Mary - - -

Capt. EPHRAIM[24] SAWYER, Esq.
m. Eunice Houghton

MARY[25] SAWYER
m. Nathaniel Wyman

KATHERINE[28] WYMAN (2)
m. Capt. LEONARD STONE (1)

IV.
JOHN[21] PRESCOTT
m. Mary Platts

MARY[22] PRESCOTT
m. Thomas Sawyer

Capt. THOMAS[23] SAWYER, Jr.
m. Hannah Lewis

HANNAH[24] SAWYER
m. Jonathan Moore

ABRAHAM MOORE[25]
m. Silence Nichols

REBECCA[26] MOORE
m. Capt. John Richardson, Esq.

LYDIA[27] RICHARDSON (4)
m. Col. LEONARD STONE, Esq. (3)

The following records indicate the paternal home of Ralph Houghton (and doubtless John Houghton) of Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Ann Houghton, dau. of John and Helen his wife, bapt. St. Par., 20 May 1560 (St. Par. Registers, p. 1).

Richard Houghton, son of RALPH HOUGHTON, gent., and Helen, bapt. St. Par., 15 Sept. 1592. (St. Par., p. 34).

Roger Houghton, son of RALPH HOUGHTON of Aspull, bapt. 4 Aug. 1595. (Wigan Par. Registers, p. 167).

James Houghton, married, St. Par., 15 Apr. 1600, Jane Ashall. (St. Par., p. 120).

Anna Houghton, dau. of RALPH HOUGHTON and Ellen, bapt. St. Par., 19 Sept. 1601. (St. Par., p. 42).

- - - (son) of RALPH HOUGHTON of Kirkleyes, bur. Wigan, July 1603. (Wig. Par., p. 192).

Elizabeth dau. of RALPH HOUGHTON, bur. Wigan, 31 Aug. 1605. (Wig. Par., p. 196).

RALPH HOUGHTON, son of Hugh Houghton, bapt. Wigan, 14 Jan. 1609/10. (Wig. Par., p. 75).

John Houghton, son of RALPH HOUGHTON of Kirkleas, bapt. Wigan, 20 March 1609/10 (Wig. Par., p. 110).

RALPH HOUGHTON, son of Richard Houghton of Kirkles, gent., in the parish of Wigan and Bridget his wife, bapt. 8 Sept. 1617. (St. Par., p. 66).

Elin Houghton, wife of RALPH HOUGHTON, bur. Wigan, 25 March 1617/8. (Wig. Par., p. 229).

Thomas Houghton, son of RALPH HOUGHTON of Aspull, bapt. 30 March 1622. (Wig. Par., p. 118).

Dorothy Houghton, dau. of Oliver Houghton, of Scoles, betw. 1618-1622. (Wig. Par., p. 118: the writer mislaid the exact date).

Maria, wife of John Houghton, gent., of Charnock Richard, bur. St.

Par., 17 Oct. 1623. (St. Par., p. 184).

- - -, wife of James Houghton, of Heath Charnock, bur. St. Par., 16 Jan. 1625/6. (St. Par., p. 187).

RALPH HOUGHTON, son of Richard Houghton and Margaret, bapt. St. Par., 13 Oct. 1631. (St. Par., p. 82).

RALPH HOUGHTON of Kirkleyes, married, Wigan, 20 Nov. 1637, Jane Caterall. (St. Par., p. 131).

Richard Houghton, son of RALPH HOUGHTON of Kirkeles, bapt. St. Par., 25 July 1638. (St. Par., p. 92).

Anna Houghton, dau. of James Houghton and Alice, bapt. St. Par., 19 June 1640. (St. Par., p. 95).

William Houghton, son of William Houghton and Alice, bapt. St. Par., 20 Sept. 1640. (St. Par., p. 95).

Thomas Houghton, son of RALPH HOUGHTON of Kerkles, bapt. St. Par., 3 Apr. 1642. (St. Par., p. 97).

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That RALPH HOUGHTON and JOHN HOUGHTON of Lancaster, Massachusetts came from the above Houghtons there can be little doubt. Perhaps John also had Yorkshire connections. He certainly had one such connection: John Houghton, Jr., Esq. (son of JOHN and Beatrix HOUGHTON of Lancaster, Massachusetts), married (1) Lancaster, 22 February 1671/2, Mary Farrer, born in Halifax Parish, Yorkshire, daughter of Jacob and Ann Farrer; died Lancaster, 7/9 April 1724, in her 76th year; he married, second, 27 January 1724/5, Hannah (Atherton) Wilder, daughter of James and Hannah Atherton of Lancashire, England. (N.E.H.G.Register, 1914 (vol. 115), p. 11 bottom.)

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It is to be regretted that there is some repetition in this small volume. In a printed work, repetition can be struck out, but in off-set printing this is not satisfactory, and errors and repetition must be suffered to remain.

ONE LINE OF DESCENT FROM RICHARD SUTTON OF LANCASHIRE, ENGLAND, A COUSIN OF JOHN PRESCOTT AND A SIGNER OF THE TOWN ORDERS OF LANCASTER, MASSACHUSETTS, 1653.

(See page 78 for a pedigree)

1. RICHARD SUTTON, a son or grandson of James and Isabella (Prescott) Sutton, was born in Lancashire, England and came to Massachusetts, settling first in Charlestown, where he had an estate, but soon removed to Roxbury, where he was a proprietor before 1650. Sarah, probably a second wife, died at Reading, 12 November 1672 (Reading Vital Records). He signed the Town Orders at Lancaster, Massachusetts, in April 1653, just before the town was incorporated, 23 May 1653. He did this, undoubtedly, by the invitation of and for the sake of his cousin, John Prescott, though with no intention of settling there, for he neither asked for nor was given a grant of land, which he would have received had he wished it or asked for it. Evidently he signed the Town Orders merely to make up a sufficient number of signers or persons so that the town could be organized satisfactorily. Doubtless he lived with his cousin, John Prescott, the Founder of the town, during his stay there. He removed to Reading where he owned one of the fifty-nine houses in that town, in 1667, with all the privileges of land, timber and commons. He also bought more land there in 1670 and was on the tithe list, 1677/8, but was not on that list in 1680/1, having removed from Reading or died in the meantime.

Mr. Sutton, moreover, had, on 10 March 1658, bought land in Andover, of Mr. Simon Bradstreet, later Governor of the Commonwealth. In March 1666, Mr. Sutton was "bound to good behaviour" by the Court at Salem. (Eaton, History of Reading, p. 20; Pope, Pioneers of Massachusetts, p. 441; Roxbury Vital Records).

Richard Sutton's descendants have been traced to Major-General William Sutton who was born in Danvers, now Peabody, 26 July 1800, and died in the same place, 18 April 1882.

As we have noted, General Sutton's earliest American ancestor was Richard[1] Sutton, a resident in Roxbury, Massachusetts, 1650.

From him proceed Richard[2] Sutton, born in Roxbury, 1650;

Richard[3] Sutton, born in Reading, 5 August 1674;

William[4] Sutton, Esq., born at Ipswich, 5 October 1699;

Richard[5] Sutton, born in Ipswich, 12 December 1736;

William[6] Sutton, born in Ipswich, 15 February 1773; and

General William[7] Sutton, born in Peabody, 26 July 1800,

with whom we began. (N.E.H.G.Register, vol. 36, page 336).

We give the following line because the cousins, John Prescott, born in Shevington, 1604, and Richard Sutton (probably born in Leigh Parish, Lancashire, about four miles from Shevington, in December 1600, of Pennington - Leigh Parish Register, page 363), both came to New England, both signed the Town Orders at Lancaster, 1653, and both remained in New England where their descendants still reside.

2. Corporal RICHARD[2] SUTTON (Richard 1), was born at Roxbury, Massachusetts, 1650 (Roxbury Vital Records), the son of Mr. Richard Sutton. Evidently he grew up in Reading, having inherited his father's possessions (as only son). Later he removed to Andover where his father had also bought land. His life was spent in that part of Massachusetts where the towns of Andover and Reading abut, and not far from Danvers. We find in the Essex Quarterly Court Records, VII, page 163, a suit of the Selectmen of Andover vs Richard Sutton in 1679, but he won the suit for the verdict was for the defendant.

Richard Sutton served as a corporal in King Philip's War under Captain Samuel Appleton of Andover, 10 December 1675 (N.E. H.G. Register, 38:44) and was at Quabaug (Brookfield) 4 March 1675/6 (ibid., 41:79). He was also a field driver at Ipswich, 1698/9. As we have seen Corporal Sutton was living in Reading in 1674, his son Richard having been born there in that year, and he or his father, or both, is listed as Richard Sutton in the "List of Early Settlers of Reading and South Reading from 1640 to 1700 (Register, cit. 2:48).

Child of Corporal Richard Sutton, born in Reading:

3. Richard[3]Sutton, b. Reading, 5 Aug. 1674. # (only child known). (Reading Vital Records).

3. RICHARD[3] SUTTON (Corp. Richard 2, Richard 1), only known child of Corporal Richard Sutton, was born at Reading, 5 August 1674, and he married Susanna. (Reading and Ipswich Vital Records). Before he died, Richard Sutton, the father, had removed from Reading to Ipswich, where he was evidently a citizen in good standing, for he had been elected a field driver, 1698/9. Doubtless he died soon after this move, but the Sutton family continued to live in Ipswich for four or five generations thereafter.

Children of Richard and Susanna Sutton, born in Ipswich:

4. Mr. Richard[4]Sutton, b. Ipswich, 9 Feb. 1696/7; leather dresser; m. (1) New London, Conn., 5 Jan. 1719/20, Mary Fosdick, b. ca. 1698; d. 6 Oct. 1757, in her 59th year; she renewed the covenant in the First Church in Charlestown, Massachusetts, 16 Oct. 1720, and was bapt. there, 31 Dec. 1722, and was admitted to full communion there on the same day; he m. (2) at Lexington, 17 July 1758, the widow Elizabeth Apthorp, born at Lexington, 25 July 1717, the dau. of Isaac and Elizabeth (Harrington) Bowman, and

the widow of Stephen Apthorp of Boston, whom she had married in 1745. Children of Mr. Richard and Mary (Fosdick) Sutton, bapt. at the 1st Chh. in Charlestown: (1) Richard[5], b. 28 Oct. 1720; bapt. 30 Oct. 1720; d. 2 Oct. 1772; (2) Mary, b. 6 Oct. 1722; bapt. 7 Oct. 1722; m. Timothy Trumbull; (3) Susanna, b. 10 Sept. 1725; bapt. 12 Sept. 1725; d. 9 Jan. 1744, ae. 18 yrs.; (4) Mercy, b. 27 May 1727; bapt. 4 June 1727; (5) Anne, b. 19 Apr. 1729; bapt. 20 Apr. 1729; m. Andrew Skinner; (6) Richard, b. 30 Nov. 1732; bapt. 3 Dec. 1732; d. 28 May 1738 (GS). Child of Mr. Richard and Elizabeth (Bowman)(Apthorp) Sutton: (1) Richard[5], b. Lexington, 23 June 1760. (Ipswich Vital Records; Wyman, Charlestown: 916; N.E.H.G. Register, 24: 132, 152, etc.; Records of the First Church in Charlestown, 28, 118, 120, 123, 126, 161; N.E.H.G.Register, 31:327; 32:61).

5. William[4] Sutton, b. Ipswich, 5 Oct. 1699. # (Ipsw. v.r.)

6. Joseph Sutton, b. Ipswich, 1 Apr. 1702. "

5. WILLIAM[4] SUTTON (Richard 3, Corp. Richard 2, Richard 1), the second son of Richard and Susanna Sutton, was born at Ipswich, 5 October 1699, and he died before 1746. He married (intentions), 8 January 1725, Susanna Kimball, who was living as his widow in 1746. William Sutton was surveyor of highways in Ipswich, 1730.

Children of William and Susannah (Kimball) Sutton, born at Ipswich: (From Ipswich Vital Records)

7. Ebenezer[5] Sutton, bapt. Ipswich, 29 Dec. 1728; m. Ipswich, 10 Dec. 1755, Katherine Low.

8. Richard Sutton, bapt. Ipswich, 19 Dec. 1736; d. Ipswich, 12 Dec. 1825, aged 89 years. #

9. Susanna Sutton, b. 17 Aug. 1740 (bapt. 20 July 1740: Note: The baptisms and births at Ipswich often appear at variance).

8. Mr. RICHARD[5] SUTTON (William 5, Richard 3, Corp. Richard 2, (Richard 1), was born at Ipswich, 12 December 1736, baptized there, 19 December 1736, and died there, 12 December 1825, aged 89 years. He married at Ipswich, 19 October 1758, Elizabeth Foster, born at Ipswich, 14 August 1736, and she died there, 29 October 1805, aged 69 years, the daughter of Jeremiah and Dorothy (Rust) Foster. Mr. Richard Sutton (1736-1825) of Ipswich, served in Captain Thomas Peevar's company in the Expedition against Crown Point, 1755, and against Quebec, 1760 (Society of Colonial Wars, Index of Ancestors, 1922, page 460; ibid., 1941, page 249).

"Sacred / To the Memory of / Mr. Richard Sutton, / who died / Dec. 12, 1825 / aged 89 years." "In Memory of Mrs. Richard Sutton, / who died / Oct'r 29. 1806 / AEt. 69." (Grave Stones at Ipswich).

Children of Richard and Elizabeth (Foster) Sutton, born at Ipswich:

10. Elizabeth[6] Sutton, b. 27 Sept. 1759.

11. Katharine Sutton, b. 23 Sept. 1764. (bapt. 24 Sept. 1764?)

12. Katherine Sutton, bapt. 1 Sept. 1765; d. 3 Dec. 1765.

13. Mary Sutton, b. 23 Oct. 1769; d. 3 Nov. 1769.

14. Mary Sutton, b. 24 Nov. 1771.

15. William Sutton, Esq., b. 15 Feb. 1773; d. Ipsw. 26 Feb. 1832.#

16. Sarah Sutton, b. 25 Jan. 1775; d. 4 July 1841.

17. Richard Sutton, b. 5 Jan. 1777; bapt. 19 Jan. 1777; d. Aug. 1777.

15. WILLIAM[6] SUTTON, Esquire (Mr. Richard 8, William 5, Richard 3, Corp. Richard 2, Richard 1), son of Richard and Elizabeth (Foster) Sutton, was born in Ipswich, 15 February 1773, and he died in Ipswich, 26 February 1832, aged 59 years. He married at Ipswich, 14

October 1799, Elizabeth Treadwell, born at Ipswich, 14 August 1775, died at Danvers, 26 July 1848, the daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Appleton) Treadwell.

Children of William, Esquire, and Elizabeth (Treadwell) Sutton, born in Danvers:

18. General William[7] Sutton, b. 26 July 1800; bapt. Ipswich, 29 Nov. 1801. #

19. Colonel Ebenezer Sutton, b. Salem, 10 Sept. 1803; bapt. 1 July 1804; married, Danvers, 4 Apr. 1826, Eliza Dustin of Danvers. He was director of the Eastern R.R. Corp; Colonel of the Essex co. Regiment, and died without issue living, 11 Dec. 1864.

Children, born in Danvers: (1) Eben[8] Sutton, b. 5 Sept. 1836; d. Danvers, 24 Aug. 1839; (2) Eben Dale Sutton, b. Danvers, 5 Feb. 1848; d.s.p.

18. General WILLIAM[7] SUTTON (William, Esq. 15, Mr. Richard 8, William 5, Richard 3, Corp. Richard 2, Richard 1), son of William, Esquire, and Elizabeth (Treadwell) Sutton, was born in Danvers, 26 July 1800, and he died at Peabody, 18 April 1882. He married, first, at Danvers, 7 October 1821, Nancy Osborne, of Salem, the daughter of William Osborne. She was the mother of his eight children, and she died 18 May 1875. He married, second, 17 July 1879, Susan Stevens, of Salem. One of the children was General Eben Sutton of Andover. General Sutton passed through every grade of military office from corporal to major-general. He was President of the 1st National Bank of Salem for 45 years, and for 30 years Chief of the Salem Fire Department. He served as Representative, Senator, and member of the Governor's Council. He was President of the North Andover Woolen Mills, the Essex County Agricultural Society and the Salem Charitable Association. His son, General Eben Sutton, followed him in many of these positions.

Errors in Mr. Nourse's account of John Prescott:

p. 343 line 25 delete Sir and of the.

line 26 delete manor of Driby.

line 26 it is not known that he was baptized 1604/5, though that was quite possible, the Register at that time being quite defective. John Prescott was a great-grandson of James and Alice (Standish) Prescott, not a descendant of James Prescott of Driby. The Driby Prescotts were his cousins. line 28 delete January 21; substitute 11 April.

	line 30	"	Wigan	"	Sowerby.
p. 344	line 21	"	1630	"	1629/30.
	line 27	"	1632	"	1631/2.
	line 31	"	Apr. 1	"	20 March.

p. 345 lines 6 to 10. He had no such daughter.

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Errors in Mr. Ford's Account of the Prescotts:

p. 34 line 17 delete Sir

line 22 baptized 1604/5 may be correct but it does not occur in the Standish Parish Records.

line 27 date of marriage was 11 April 1629.

line 28 place of marriage was Sowerby.

p. 45 It is doubtful if he had lands to sell (being the youngest son of the youngest son of the youngest son!

p. 45 line 12 delete lines 12 to 15. Hannah was not a daughter of John Prescott.

p. 61 line 18 John was born 24 November 1672.

p. 63 lines 28 and 29 delete, the sister of John Prescott, 2nd.

p. 66 read: He married 15 November 1710, Mary (Hayes) Howe.

p. 67 line 3 from the bottom: she was Dorothy Howe, daughter of Josiah Howe of Marlborough.

p. 69 line 29 He married at Groton, 1711, Mary Woods.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS I

1. Isabella Prescott m. Standish Parish, 20 August 1570, James Sutton. (See pages 78 and 93).

2. Richard Sutton of Pennington, b. Leigh Parish, Lancashire, in December 1600, liv. about 4 miles from Shevington (Leigh Parish Register, page 363).

3. RICHARD[1] SUTTON, b. in England, ca. 1621; deposed 25 March 1684, aged 63 years (Essex Court Files, 41:38); d. after 1684; m. (1) ca. 1650 (then aged 29), Rachel, who was living in 1663, but prob. died at Roxbury, 10 November 1672 (Roxb. Vit. Rec.); m. (2) ca. 8 Jan. 1679 (aged 58), Katherine; said to have married three times; he served in King Philip's War, 1675/6; petitioned in Marlborough to be released (then aged 55) wherein he calls himself "an aged man."

4. RICHARD[2] SUTTON, son of Richard and Rachel Sutton was born at Roxbury, Mass., 1652; m. ca. 1673, Faith Swan, born about 30 March 1644, the daughter of Richard and Ann Swan of Rowley; lived in Roxbury, Andover and Reading; she d. before 1678. (Essex Institute, 35:107).

5. RICHARD[3] SUTTON, born at Reading, 5 August 1674, bapt. 18 July 1675 (Rowley Church record); d. after 1702 (birth of his youngest child); m. Susanna. From Probate Records of Essex County, vol. III, we find that Richard Swan of Rowley on 5 April 1678, bequeathed to his grandchild, Richard Sutton, £ 15, at the age of 21 years. Also in 1678, Mark Quilter, the husband of young Richard's aunt, Frances (Swan) Quilter, left his a legacy of £ 10. (Will made 4 Nov. 1678; pr. 6 Nov. 1678. ibid., III 256-260).

6. WILLIAM[4] SUTTON, etc.

This Sutton line forms a very strong identification of John Prescott.

Page 92 line 6 from bottom, delete: or died

See also J.W.Linzee, Ancestry of Peter Parker and Sarah Ruggles, of Roxbury, 1913, cf., pp. 326-328.

Richard Sutton (No. 3 above) is a second cousin of John Prescott.

ADDITIONS II

Suffolk Deeds I:127 Wm Lyon & Rich: Sutton both of Roxbury . . . did grant vnto Tho: Dudley Governor six Acres of land in Roxbury (other lands also mentioned). Mortgage deed dated 7 Aug. 1650 and ack. 19 Aug. 1650.

Ipswich Deeds II:202. Symon Bradstreete of Andover and Ann his wife, sell unto Richard Sutton of Roxbury, husbandman, a dwelling house and land in Andover lying near Shawsin River. Dated 10 Mar. 1658. Wit: George Abbott, William Chandler. Simon Bradstreet ack. 29 Mar. 1664; Anne Bradstreet ack. 2 Apr. 1664.

Essex Deeds, XXXI:208 Richard Sutton and Wife Rachel of Andover, weaver, sell land to George Abbott which he purchased of Simon Bradstreet. Dated 18 Mar. 1663. Rec. 9 Apr. 1717.

Richard Sutton was fence viewer of Andover in 1665.

Middlesex Deeds III: 463-464. Samuel Hutchinson of Redding, co. Midd., for three hundred pounds paid by Richard Sutton of Roxbury, co. Suffolk, weaver, sell all one mesuage, tenement, or dwelling house (other buildings mentioned)(his homestead was "on the side of Great Pond"), upland, meadows, etc., lying in Redding, with the consent of his wife Hannah. Dated 14 May 1670. In prsence of Thomas Johnson, Eliza and Hen Nelson Senr. Ack. by Samuel Hutchinson 14 May 1670. Rec. 18 May 1670 at the request of said Sutten.

Middlesex Deeds VII:301 I Richard Suttun of Charlestown, co. Midd., in New England, sell, to Nathaniel Goodwin & Thomas Nicholls, my dwelling house & orchard, garden, housing, cow houses lying in Redding with twenty accrs of land, bounded on ye Noreast end with ye highway, and at the south west end with ye highway, and on the South east end by the land of Ralph Dix, and on ye norwest side by the land of Jno. Eaton; also fifteen accrs of meadow . . . called Beare meadow, etc. Dated 8 Jan. 1679. Ri:Suttun his mark. Ri: & Katherine Sutten acknowledge this deed 8 Jan. 1679. Ent. 1 Dec. 1680.